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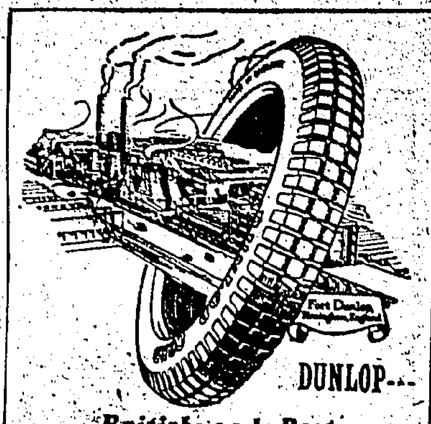

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CHATER WILL CASE APPEAL.

INTEREST ON LEGACY AT ISSUE.

MR. BAGRAM'S POSITION ARGUED.

CLAIM OF A CHURCH.

A Full Court, comprising the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, Sir Peter Grain of the British Supreme Court in Shanghai, and the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Wood, sat this morning at the Supreme Court in connexion with further legal proceedings connected with the will of the late Sir Paul Chater.

The parties in the action are the Official Trustee of Bengal (defendant-appellant); the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton (plaintiff-respondent), and Messrs. J. T. Bagram and Ebraham Sadick (defendants-respondents).

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. H. G. Sheldon appear for the Official Trustee of Bengal, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., for Mr. Shenton and Mr. F. C. Jenkin for Mr. Bagram. Mr. Jenkin intimated that in the present action Mr. Sadick is not concerned.

Ground of Appeal.

The appeal is against a judgment given by the Chief Justice on March 28, 1929, in which it was laid down that Mr. Bagram was entitled to interest as to his legacy from the date of the death of the testator, that he was entitled to be paid interest on his legacy at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum if the income of the estate was sufficient, and that the defendant should receive payment at the rate of seven per cent. or at a lesser rate as the income of the estate allowed to be paid.

Mr. Potter said his submission was that the point dealt with by the Chief Justice, had already been decided by the Court of Appeal.

History of Action.

Detailing the history of the action, Mr. Potter said that on February 14, 1927, an originating summons was taken out by Mr. Shenton, the executor, and this was heard by Mr. Justice Wood who was acting Chief Justice at that time. The questions raised included the appropriation of funds, and the setting aside of trust funds.

Judgment was given on July 21, 1927, laying it down that the income payable as interest was at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, calculated from the time of the death of Sir Paul Chater. The judgment was submitted to the Full Court of Appeal which reversed it, on the ground that the question of interest did not arise and that in any event it was governed by Clause 7 of the will.

Mr. Potter pointed out that there had been no appeal to the Privy Council and that the time for an appeal had long since passed unless the Privy Council granted special leave. The Court now sitting had no power to extend the time limit for an appeal to the Privy Council.

Chambers' Decision.

Continuing, Mr. Potter said that on February 7, 1929, an application was made in Chambers, under liberty to apply given by His Lordship the Chief Justice in his judgment. Under that the parties had liberty to apply if they were unable to agree on the question of Clause 7 of the will.

Mr. Potter submitted that the judgment now appealed against reinstated that judgment of Mr. Justice Wood and contended that the previous judgment conflicted with that of the Court of Appeal. He further contended that the Chief Justice had over-ruled the judgment of the Full Court and had ordered interest at the rate of eight per cent.

Case Already Decided.

Mr. Potter submitted that the case had already been decided by the Full Court which had said that Mr. Bagram was entitled to what Clause 7 of the will gave him.

Dealing with the merits of the judgment, he also submitted that it should be reversed on other grounds. The judgment had stated that Mr. Davidson, who

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RETURN OF BOXER INDEMNITY.

ANGLO-CHINESE AGREEMENT NOW DRAFTED.

OTHER CHINESE ISSUES

London, Feb. 26.

Interesting statements in regard to Chinese affairs, including the question of the Boxer Indemnity Fund, were made in the House of Commons to-day by Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Secretary.

Mr. Henderson stated that the Government is in negotiation with the Chinese Government for the return of the accumulated and future instalments of the Boxer Indemnity to the Chinese Government, on terms in harmony with the report of the Advisory Committee set up in 1925.

A draft agreement had, said Mr. Henderson, been reached between the British Minister (Sir Miles Lampson) and the Chinese Foreign Minister (Dr. C. T. Wang) for the consideration of both Governments.

Mr. Henderson added that he was now awaiting the text of this draft agreement.

Replying to questions, Mr. Henderson stated that so far as he was aware, there was no default in the payment of interest on the Debentures of the former British Concession in Hankow, except in respect of the interest for the first half of 1927, which was paid in depreciated notes of the Hankow Central Bank.

Answering another question, Mr. Henderson said he had received no communication from British missionary societies in regard to extrality in China.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

BIG FIRE OCCURS IN CANTON.

FEARS FOR TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

Canton, Feb. 26.

A large fire occurred here yesterday, shortly after mid-day, completely destroying a block of buildings situated next to the new automatic telephone exchange.

For some time, considerable anxiety was felt for the exchange building, but prompt action on the part of the Fire Brigade confined the conflagration to the block where it originated, though that block was completely burned out.

The damage is estimated in the neighbourhood of $40,000, most of which, it is understood, was covered with foreign insurance companies. —*Our Own Correspondent.*

DUTCH EAST INDIES TIN PRODUCTION.

PROPOSAL WHICH MEANS A REDUCTION.

The Hague, Feb. 26.

The Board of the Billiton Tin Mines has issued a statement saying that although the Dutch East Indies tin producers have maintained a fairly stabilised rate of production during the last few years, the Company is disposed, in the general interest, to fix production for the next working year on the basis of the mean production in the last three years.

This will mean a fairly substantial reduction compared with last year.—*Reuter.*

MILLIONAIRE-MAN.

MR. VAN LEAR BLACK FLYING TO FAR EAST.

Jerusalem, Feb. 26.

Mr. Van Lear Black, the millionaire airman and newspaper magnate, is now engaged on a flight to the Far East. He arrived at Gaza to-day and is leaving for Baghdad on Friday.—*Reuter.*

NEW APPOINTMENTS.

Nanking, Feb. 27.

The Central Political Council has appointed General Ho Ying-ching as Minister of War, General Ma Fu-hsaing as Chairman of the Anhui Provincial Government, and Mr. Ko Chin-gen as Mayor of Tsingtao. —*Reuter.*

SCOTT'S BID FOR WORLD TITLE.

JACK SHARKEY A HOT FAVOURITE.

BRITISH BOXER MAY WIN AFTER 7 ROUNDS.

FIGHTING TO-NIGHT.

Miami, Feb. 26.

Under waving palms and before the most opulent crowd America can produce, Phil Scott, the British heavyweight champion, enters the ring at ten o'clock to-morrow evening as the first Englishman to obtain a fight for the world's championship since it was held by Bob Fitzsimmons in 1902.

Scott is trained to the last minute and weighs fourteen stone, ten pounds.

Sharkey, his opponent, one of the fiercest fighters ever produced by the United States, turns the scales at 14 st. 7 lbs.

Sharkey's loud-voiced ferocity has made him a 5/1 favourite.

Booking Disappointing.

The booking up to the present has been disappointing and it is feared that the receipts will fall far short of the anticipated £80,000.

There have been some sharp words over the appointment of a referee. Mr. Johnson, Phil Scott's manager, fearing that the great volume of betting based on Scott's being knocked out in a specific round might influence the stopping of the fight prematurely in favour of Sharkey, has been very outspoken on the point of who should be the referee.

The Referee.

The appointment of Mr. Lou Magnolia has given general satisfaction, however. Mr. Magnolia has a great reputation for integrity.

It is generally expected that Scott will win if he is still erect at the end of the seventh round. The opinion is expressed that once Scott is warmed up he is capable of outboxing Sharkey. If therefore, he lasts through the first seven, it is expected that he will pile up points sufficient to win in the last eight.

Other Big Contests.

Tommy Loughran, the former lightheavyweight champion, meets the Belgian boxer, Pierre Charles, and Risko meets Campolo, the Argentinian, in the same tournment.—*Reuter's American Service.*

It is rather curious that Jack Hare, the Globe-trotter, a noted boxer of former days, and still closely connected with profession, passing through Hongkong a few days ago, stressed the importance of the appointment of the right referee for the Scott-Sharkey fight.

Jack Hare's Views.

Jack Hare has only recently left the United States and he was in close touch with Phil Scott's camp while he was there. He said, in conversation with a *Telegraph* representative, that Sharkey was strongly favoured to beat Scott, and it was regarded as a certainty if special attention was not given to the provision of a absolutely dependable referee.

As to the respective merits of the men, Jack Hare thought that Scott was so much improved that he could beat Sharkey easily if he could hold him off in the early rounds. Sharkey is a fierce fighter who goes all out for a knock-out from the beginning.

Dempsey's Tribute.

Dempsey, who fought Sharkey before he fought Tunney, is of the opinion that Sharkey is the more difficult of the two to beat. He explains his defeat at the hands of Tunney by saying that he was not properly trained for his first fight, treating his opponent too lightly, and that in the second, Tunney's added confidence, coupled with the incident in the seventh round when Tunney is alleged to have been down for longer than a count of ten, made all the difference.

Hare thinks it extremely difficult for an Englishman to win in America. Scott is popular among a large section of the public, however, and with a good referee, he will get fair treatment, Sharkey should win, but he must win early.

LIVELY SHANGHAI ELECTION.

MEN OBJECT TO MISS SMITH'S NOMINATION.

VIGOROUS REPLY TO CHAMBER.

WOMEN NEGLECTED.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Feb. 27.

Feminine circles are manifesting keen interest in the nomination of Miss Viola Smith, the Assistant U. S. Trade Commissioner, for the vacant seat on the Municipal Council.

Miss Smith was nominated by the various Women's Clubs in Shanghai and the contest promises a very lively poll.

The American Chamber of Commerce is planning a straw vote for the purpose of selecting two from the four Muncipal candidates. The Americans feel their vote is likely to be split with the ultimate result that no American will be elected, leaving the field clear for the British and the Japanese candidates.

Miss Virginia Cowper, the proprietress of the American Bookshop, in the course of a vigorous statement, points out that a straw vote will not be representative of the American community.

The women of Shanghai, she adds, have been seeking an opportunity for two years to nominate a candidate and this time have succeeded owing to a Municipal vacancy.

An allegation that the nomination has caused political confusion is denied.

The attitude of the women is that the purpose of the nomination of Miss Smith was solely to represent certain viewpoints to the Council which in the past have been neglected.

BITTEN BY DOGS.

CHINESE WOMAN BADLY MAULED.

Two instances of Chinese being bitten by dogs have been reported to the police, in one case, a woman being injured on both legs and her right arm and wrist.

Leung Wo, aged 31, of No. 3, Graham Street, is one of the victims. He was attacked by a dog on the stairway of 162, Wellington Street. The dog is owned by Chang Siu-sze, who resides at the address given.

The other instance is that of a Wong Ng, a married woman, living in an unnumbered hut at Shaukiwan, who was bitten on both legs, her right arm and wrist, by three dogs, who attacked her whilst she was conversing with their owner, Lai Yin, a widow, who lives near by.

Both victims received treatment at the Government Civil Hospital, but were not detained.

COTTON AND WHEAT PRICES.

EXCHANGES MAY BE CLOSED TEMPORARILY.

Washington, Feb. 26.

The Senate has passed a resolution calling on the Secretary of Agriculture to submit recommendations regarding the price of cotton and wheat.

The recommendations may even go to the extent of the temporary closing of the exchanges.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SILVER IMPORTS.

NANKING TO MAKE NO EMBARGO.

Nanking, Feb. 27.

The Finance Minister, Mr. T. V. Soong, has issued a statement to the effect that the Government has decided not to impose an import duty or any other restriction on silver.—*Reuter.*

The Royal Observatory reports that the depression appears to be filling up over S.E. Japan. Pressure is high over North China and Manchuria. A depression is shown over Indo-China. Coastal fog. The local forecast till noon to-morrow is:—S.E. winds, moderate; cloudy; some rain.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S LAST WORD

GOVERNMENT TAKING DRASTIC STEPS.

WAR EXPECTED BEFORE THE END OF WEEK.

SHANSI'S CHALLENGE.

Nanking, Feb. 26.

In spite of Yen Hsi-shan's apparent peace gesture, war between Nanking and Shansi is expected to be declared before the end of this week. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek to-day despatched a telegram to Marshal Yen stating that "this is positively the last communication between the Government and Shansi inasmuch as the National Government will shortly take drastic measures."

The situation is considered to be critical. It is understood that the drafting of a punitive mandate against Yen Hsi-shan is in the course of preparation and will be issued in one or two days.—*Reuter.*

Large Scale Campaign.

Meanwhile extensive movements of troops are taking place in North China and in spite of his protestations of pacific intentions, Yen Hsi-shan is fully preparing for a large scale campaign.

Shansi forces are moving slowly down the Peking-Hankow Railway and the Tientsin-Pukow Railways. The Nationalist forces are consolidating their positions along these lines.

General Liu Chi and General Kuo Chu-tung have been instructed to base themselves upon Tsaochow and Kweiteh. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is holding military conferences daily.

Not So Harmless.

It is stated that Marshal Yen Hsi-shan's telegram on the 23rd, is not the harmless-sounding document that it seems according to the versions issued for publication. From Chinese sources it is learned that the telegram, after drawing attention to the deplorable state of the country, and stating that armed conflict is not necessary to settle the controversies between the militarists and the Nanking Government, calls for a Plenary Session of the Kuomintang Party.

The main point, however, is that Yen Hsi-shan has invited the delegates attending the First, Second and Third Plenary Sessions to organise themselves for another Plenary Session to be held under the chairmanship of Yen Hsi-shan in Peking.

It is suggested that differences should be settled by the vote of the Assembly.

Government Challenged.

The existence of the National Government is for all practical purposes ignored in this invitation.

The Government, therefore, regards it as a direct challenge to the authority of the Nanking Government, hence the finality of Chiang Kai-shek's latest telegram to Yen Hsi-shan.

The Peking vernacular papers state that severe fighting developed yesterday morning between Government troops and Shih Yu-san's forces at Tangshan, westward of Hsuchow, and was still raging this morning.

Shansi Plans.

According to Japanese sources, Shansi military preparations have been completed. It has been arranged that the Kuominchun forces along the Peking-Hankow Railway shall move down from Honan to attack Hankow and Wuchang.

All Shansi troops along the Lung-Hai Railway will concentrate at Chengchow and it is anticipated that the Shansi troops will find it as an easy task to account for the Nationalists along this Line.

Fifty-one Kuomintang Commissioners of the First, Second, and Third Kuomintang Plenary Sessions are reported to have cabled to Marshal Yen Hsi-shan consenting to participate in a Peking Conference to settle outstanding disputes.

AN AIR SERVICE TO AUSTRALIA.

OBSTACLES AT PRESENT IN THE WAY.

COMMONS QUESTIONS.

London, Feb. 26.

In the House of Commons to-day, Commander Kenworthy asked when the establishment of an air mail service between England and Australia was expected and whether arrangements had been made with the Dutch Government for the use by the British machines of the landing-grounds, aerodromes and facilities for flying-boats in the Dutch East Indies.

Mr. F. Montague, the Under-Secretary for Air, replied that he could not give a definite date for the commencement of the England-Australia service, and the answer to the second part of the question was in the negative.

The Government, he added, did not anticipate any trouble in this matter in the negotiations with Holland, especially in view of the fact that the Dutch had been granted facilities by us in Singapore.

Commander Kenworthy declared that there was hesitation about the grant of facilities in view of possible reprisals.

Mr. Montague said that there was a good deal of misapprehension in this connexion. It was a matter within the jurisdiction of the Government of India, who had hesitated to grant facilities to British as well as Dutch until meteorological, wireless and ground organisation was complete for long flights.—*Reuter.*

NEW GUNBOATS FOR CANTON.

ORDER PLACED WITH THE TAIKOO DOCK.

Canton, Feb. 26.

Two more gunboats will be ordered for the Kwangtung Provincial Fleet, 4th Naval Squadron, by Admiral Chan Chak from the Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Company of Hongkong.

This is a further step in Admiral Chan Chak's programme for modernising the 4th Naval Squadron in order to have a fully efficient fleet for service on the Kwangtung coast and in the West, East and North rivers.

It will be remembered that Admiral Chan Chak quite recently ordered two gunboats from the Kiangnan Dockyard and Engineering Company of Shanghai, and besides these there are several others which have only recently been completed in Hongkong.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

GIFT TO CZECH PRESIDENT.

TO MARK EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY.

Prague, Feb. 26.

To mark the 80th birthday of President Masaryk, which occurs on March 7th, Parliament has voted him a personal gift of over £120,000.

President Masaryk was the son of a coachman and started life as an employee of a Vienna locksmith. He is the first President of the Republic.—*Reuter.*

THE S.S. NINGCHOW.

RESERVE BUNKER AFIRE OFF AUSTRALIA.

Melbourne, Feb. 26.

The China Mutual Navigation Company's steamer Ningchow, laden with wool and a general cargo, but carrying no passengers, bound for England, is afire in the vicinity of Cape Naturaliste, Western Australia.

A tug from Fremantle, equipped with fire-fighting apparatus, has gone to assist her.

A later message from Perth states that the Ningchow is proceeding to Bunbury. Her reserve bunker is afire.—*Reuter.*

NEW SUGAR EXCHANGE.

London, Feb. 26.

A new Sugar Exchange was officially opened at Liverpool to-day by the Lord-Mayor.—*British Wireless.*

COLONIAL OFFICE CONFERENCE.

HONGKONG DELEGATE TO BE SENT.

AWAITING ARRIVAL OF SIR WILLIAM PEEL.

UNOFFICIALS LATER.

In view of the undoubted success of the First Colonial Office Conference, held in May, 1927, Baron Passfield, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has decided to summon a second conference with similar objects and constituted on similar lines. The Conference will meet on June 23rd next, and will sit for about three weeks.

The *Telegraph* has made enquiries of the Hongkong Government regarding Hongkong's representation at the Conference, and it is understood that a prominent official will probably be deputed to attend the conference.

Hongkong's Position.

The name of the Hongkong delegate is not known; in fact, it will be left to Sir William Peel, the Colony's new Governor, to decide. Sir William Peel is due to arrive in the Colony early in May.

An important suggestion has been put forward that unofficial representation of the Colonies at the Conference would be desirable and it was announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the point would be considered and a decision reached at the coming Conference.

Unofficial Representation.

This means, of course, that Unofficial Members of Legislative Councils might be afforded an opportunity of stating their views regarding the future and development of the Colonies which they represent. A favourable decision might not, of course, mean that the privilege would be extended only to such unofficials.

Details of the Second Conference, to be held in June, are outlined in a British Wireless message received this morning.

It states that the Conference will be attended by one representative each from as many of the colonies, protectorates and mandated territories as is practicable.

It is hoped that in a large number of cases, the Governor will be able to act as the representative of his territory, while in the others, some senior official of the territory will be deputed.

Conference Task.

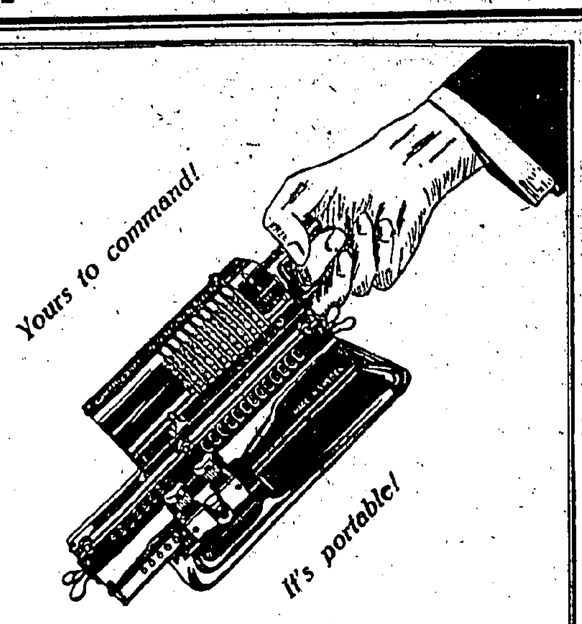
The work of the Conference will fall under three main headings, namely, colonial development, under which is included the very important question of the working and application of the Colonial Development Fund, the administration of scientific and technical schemes, and the problems of colonial administration in general.

Replying to questions in the House of Commons yesterday, Dr. Shiels, Under Secretary for the Colonies, said the Conference will consider the question of unofficial representation at any future Colonial Conference.

Answering a question regarding the colonial development schemes, Dr. Shiels said that a preliminary application for assistance from the Colonial Development Fund had been made by the High Commissioner for Transport for Kenya and Uganda, in connexion with a proposal to extend the Kenya-Uganda Railway westwards to the Uganda-Congo border.

Arrangements would be made, in the usual way, to ensure that the plant, machinery and materials imported into East Africa in connexion with any such projects would, save in exceptional circumstances, be of British manufacture and origin.

In regard to Nigeria, no services had yet been arranged to necessitate assistance from the Colonial Development Fund as that colony had just floated a new loan to be devoted to works of public utility.



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MOTOR CYCLE TRIAL AWARDS.

PRESENTATIONS AT LAST NIGHT'S DINNER.

The awards won in the recent motor cycle reliability trial were presented at a dinner at Messrs. Lane Crawford's restaurant last night, the majority of the competitors being present.

It will be recalled that the event was organised by the Motor Cycle Section of the H.K.V.D.C. and held on January 31 when a very satisfactory proportion of riders finished a somewhat arduous course.

The gathering last night was presided over by Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin who presented the awards and who said that the recent reliability trial was the second held in Hongkong, the first, two years ago, also being organised by the Motor Cycle Section of the H.K.V.D.C.

He pointed out that a high proportion of riders finished the course, which was roughly 225 miles in length, and said that the majority of competitors had had their first experience of lengthy night riding. It spoke much for the keenness of local motor cyclists in competitive events that riders only gave up when forced to do so by reason of breakdowns or similar causes. Several riders had deliberately thrown up their chances of qualifying for an award by rendering assistance to other riders who were in trouble, thus showing the true sporting spirit.

Awards Presented.

Mr. Dowbiggin presented the Motor Cycle Section Cup, presented by the Texas Co., to Mr. Rogers, and pointed out that he had only lost six points, these being forfeited at the secret check placed at the 82 mile point. He also presented Mr. Clarke with the premier award and said that he also lost his six points at secret checks.

Presenting the next award to Mr. Smith, Mr. Dowbiggin said he had lost a total of eight points at three open checks and Mr. Davies, who came in fourth, lost eleven points, all at open checks. Mr. Williams, who qualified for the next award, had lost a total of 18 points, six at one secret check and 12 at another. The team award was presented to Messrs. Rogers, Clarke and Williams.

In conclusion, Mr. Dowbiggin said that the riders who had met with trouble on the road deserved sympathy, and he expressed the hope that they would take even more trouble in preparing their machines for the next trial. It was to be hoped, he said, that their non-success in the recent trial would not deter them from entering any future event which might be arranged.

Club Suggested.

Mr. H. G. Swinburne, Secretary of the Trial Committee, expressed thanks to the observers who had worked the checks in the recent trial and suggested that competitive motor cycling events might, in the future, be entrusted to a motor cycling club, the organisation of which he proposed.

He pointed out that there were well over 400 motor cyclists in Hongkong and suggested that a guarantee of future trials, scrambles, paper chases, gymkhanas and such like competitive events would only be assured if a new body was organised to be responsible for the same.

There was, he suggested, scope in Hongkong for such a body, and proposed that the summer months would give ample time for the organisation of a club as he had suggested.

References to the success of the trial were also made by Messrs. H. G. Williams, H. Williams and H. C. Shrubsole, the latter proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Dowbiggin for presiding and distributing the awards.

A highly enjoyable musical programme was provided by Messrs. Blakeley, Barty, Jeeves, Grenham and Fountain.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF SIR ALFRED FRIPP, K.C.V.O.

London, Feb. 26.

The death has occurred of Sir Alfred Fripp, who has been prominent in connexion with the "Frothblowers" movement.—*Reuter.*

[The late Sir Alfred Fripp, who was made a K.C.V.O. in 1906, and was Surgeon in Ordinary to the King, was born in 1865, and his career has been a remarkable one. He was founder of the organisation which, by the institution of the "Frothblowers," combined fraternity (and beer) with subscriptions to charity.

It was in August, 1925, that Guy's famous hospital lost its familiar and honoured figure, as well as a brilliant personality, in Sir Alfred Fripp's retirement. He was one of the Big Four in West End surgery and had many eminent patients, but though a popular Society habitue had many more poor ones in the slums round Bankside, where the hospital radiates its splendid public services. Sir Alfred possessed in marked degree that genial, easy bonhomie that so often characterises the great doctor and surgeon, and may be a valuable part of his professional stock-in-trade. The Guy's students, always the most athletic Bob Sawyers in London, knew him solely as "The Baron."

He was formerly honorary surgeon to King Edward as Prince of Wales; and extracted the Boer bullet from Charles Hands, the war correspondent, after the advance on Mafeking. Sir Alfred figured in a good story of the Boer War, admirably narrated by himself. He was going round the hospital, and came to a Militiaman, (convalescent enough to sit up and read about the great "hospital scandal" in the newspapers), from whose hip he had extracted a Boer bullet. He congratulated the man on his good recovery, and, handing him a bullet and a bent sixpence, said: "You may like to keep these as souvenirs. I took them out of your wound." The Militiaman turned the bullet and sixpence over in his big palm, and then cleared his throat for speech:

"'Ere," he said, full of aggressive suspicion of all hospital people after his newspaper studies, "I 'ad 'arf a quid in my pocket that day. None of your blinking tricks with me! Where's the other nine-and six?"]

Mr. H. Ollerdessen.

Shanghai, Feb. 26.

The death has occurred of the well-known Interport cricketer, Mr. Harry Ollerdessen, from peritonitis. —*Reuter.*

[Many in Hongkong will remember the veteran cricketer, Harry Ollerdessen, and will regret his passing. If memory serves aright, he last played down here for Shanghai against Hongkong, in November, 1922, when his younger brother was also in the team, then captained by the famous veteran interporter Billings. Of late, Harry Ollerdessen had not been doing anything of note in the cricket field, but the memory of his prowess of some years ago remains. He was a broker by profession. Apart from his abilities as a cricketer, he was a genial personality, and will leave a large circle of friends in the northern port.

According to the "China Who's Who," the late Mr. Harry Bertram Ollerdessen was born at Shanghai in 1886, and was of American nationality, seeing war service in 1918-19 as a Lieutenant in the U. S. Army. From 1911 to 1917 he served in the American Co., Shanghai Volunteer Corps. He was educated at the Shanghai Public School; then became a stock broker, and joined the Shanghai Stock Exchange. He married a Miss Louisa Cooke.]

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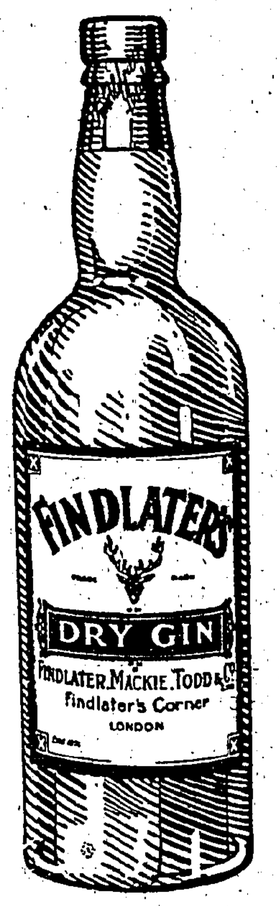

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An interesting wedding was solemnized at the Shanghai Union Church recently, when Miss Barbara Margaret Smith became the wife of Mr. William Watson Campbell, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. Mrs. A. B. Lowson was matron-of-honour and Miss Isabelle Lowson bridesmaid.

Maria Kardos (right), a woman who was sentenced to death for the murder of her husband and her 23-year-old son, with the chief witness. This was one of the series of of poisoning cases at Szolnok, a village on the Theiss.

Pupils of the Russian School in Shanghai, who are giving a concert at the French Municipal School today. Mrs. Olga Telekovsky, a teacher at the school, will be in charge of the programme.

Members of the Shanghai Women's Club sponsored a successful charity tea dance at the Majestic Hotel, recently. The dance is an annual function given by the Club and proceeds are devoted to various philanthropic activities, including a Free School for Chinese in Hart Road and a bed in the Red Cross Hospital.

An interesting wedding was solemnized at the Shanghai Community Church recently when Miss Ann Scott became the wife of Mr. E. T. Williams, of the Chinese Maritime Customs.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 18th day of March 1930, at 12 o'clock noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the company will be closed from TUESDAY, the 4th to TUESDAY, the 18th March, 1930, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 24th February, 1930.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1930.

22nd, 24th, 25th, 26th, February and 1st March, 1930.

On Saturday 22nd February the first race will be run at 2 p.m. and on all other days at 12 o'clock noon. On the first day the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and on the other four days at 11.30 a.m.

Members' Badges and Enclosure.

Members' Badges may be obtained by those members who have not already received them on application to the Secretary.

Such Badges will also ensure admission to all Extra Race Meetings during 1930.

Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $10.—per day or $40.—for the Meeting (ladies $4.—and $16—respectively), are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for payment of all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, badges (limited to two) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

Public Enclosure.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $3.—per day for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at $1.—per day.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Servants' Passes.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead and Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
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Hongkong, 10th February, 1930.

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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of March, 1930, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in square feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2306	Prince Edward Road, between Pak Tsun Street & Sai Yee Street.	As per sale plan.				About 25,850	$342	$53,750.

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			feet	feet	feet	feet			
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2307.	Junction of Portland Street & Ki Lung Street, Tai Kok Tsui.	As per sale plan				About 9,300	$10	$16,975

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3	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2308.	Junction of Portland Street & Ki Lung Street, Tai Kok Tsui.	As per sale plan.				About 3,968	$46	$5,344

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
4	Tsun Wan Marine Lot No. 1. Near Tsun Wan, D. D. 446.		As per sale plan.				528,000	$1,212	$10,560

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 13th March, 1930, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1929.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, the 3rd March, 1930, to Thursday, the 13th March, 1930, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 24th February, 1930.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-First Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on Wednesday 12th March 1930 at 11 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1929, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 28th February 1930 to 12th March 1930, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 19th February, 1930.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 41st Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday the 19th day of March, 1930, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1929.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 8th March, 1930, to Wednesday, 19th March, 1930 both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
Shewan, Tomes & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1930.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LTD.

The undermentioned Certificates for Shares in this Company have been declared LOST and if at the expiration of ONE MONTH from the date hereof the documents are not forthcoming the said Certificates will be deemed CANCELLED and of no effect and new Certificates will be issued by the Company.

Certificate	No. 3796	– 100 shares	– 17516/17615
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"	3798	– 100 "	– 81835/81909 149373/149397
"	3799	– 50 "	– 13271/13320
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For The HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 19th February, 1930.

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-Fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2 Lower Albert Road, on Friday the 14th March, 1930, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1929, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 4th to the 14th March, 1930, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. Thomson,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 25th February, 1930.

O. A. DINNER.

It is proposed to hold an Old Alleynian Dinner on Wednesday March the 5th at 8.15 p.m. at Messrs. Lane Crawford & Company Limited's Restaurant. Will all O. A.'s wishing to attend send in their names to the undersigned.

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or to
S. E. Edgar,
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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The Final Dividend declared for the Year ending 31st December, 1929, at the rate of Three Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of one Pound Sterling, is payable on and after the 24th February, 1930, at the offices of the Corporation, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By order of the Board of Directors,
A. C. HYNES.
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1930.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, at 4.30 p.m. Thursday the 27th February 1930, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1929.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 20th February to Thursday, 27th February 1930, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager
Hongkong, 10th February, 1930.

Lammert's Auctions

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 8th March, 1930 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries close at 12 o'clock noon on Monday, 3rd March, 1930.

Hongkong 19th February, 1930.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Twenty Fifth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., on Monday the 10th March 1930 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a statement of Accounts to 31st December 1929. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 1st March to 10th March 1930, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.
General Managers.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
U. S. A. (Seattle, 8th February), Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Pierce	February 28.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 8th February)	Macedonia	February 28.
	Sun Ning	March 1.
Shanghai and Swatow	Atsuta Maru	March 3.
Straits	President Madison	March 3.
Manila		

OUTWARD MAILS.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Swatow	Seistan	Thurs., Feb. 27, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Taiyuan	Thurs., Feb. 27, 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kochow	Thurs., Feb. 27, 4 p.m.
Saigon	Yingchow	Thurs., Feb. 27, 5 p.m.
*Shanghai and Japan	Shidzuoka Maru	Fri., Feb. 28, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Rawalpindi	Fri., Feb. 28, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Yang	Fri., Feb. 28, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Macedonia	Sat., March 1.
		K.P.O.
		Parcels ....Feb. 28, 4.30 p.m.
		Registration ....Mar. 1, 9 a.m.
		Letters ....10 a.m.
		G.P.O.
		Parcels ....Feb. 28, 5 p.m.
		Registration ..Mar. 1, 9.45 a.m.
		Letters ....10.30 a.m.
		(Due Marseilles 28th March.)
Japan, Honolulu and *South American Ports	Rakuyo Maru	Sat., Mar. 1, 5 p.m.
Saigon	Wai Shing	Sat., Mar. 1, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun., Mar. 2, 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kaying	Sun., Mar. 2, 9 a.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Victoria, B.C.	Pres. Madison	Mon., Mar. 3.
		Parcels ....8 p.m.
		Registration ....4.15 p.m.
		Letters ....5 p.m.
		(Due Victoria B.C. 21st March).
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Pres. Madison	Mon., Mar. 3.
		Registration ....5 p.m.
		Letters ....6 p.m.
Hoihow	Taming	Tues., Mar. 4, 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai, *Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Atsuta Maru	Tues., Mar. 4, 10.30 a.m.
Calcutta via Straits	Kutsang	Tues., Mar. 4,
		Parcels ....noon.
		Letters ....1 p.m.

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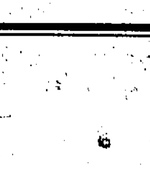

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WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Fashion Notes.

(From a Paris Correspondent).

At a recent wedding at the Madeleine the bride was much admired. A tall, fair girl, she was a living copy of a mediaeval picture, with her tight silver bodice above a full skirt of silver tulle, scattered with silver lilies, her little headdress of pearls and silver flowers, and her long, silver enveloping veil.

The dress was of silver tissue, made ankle length, and very plain, the sleeves were long, and the decolletage a tiny square.

The stiff way in which she walked, bending slightly backward, completed the illusion.

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Red flowers are fashionable this season for evening and afternoon wear; they are worn on the shoulder, and are also pinned at an angle in little felt caps, draped asymetrically. Favourite jewels will be rubies or garnets.

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The little veil is trying hard for general favour. The aigrette is also trying to return. There are lots of aigrettes to be seen in the Paris milliners' shops, but so far there are more on the stands than on the heads of clients.

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Some of the greatest successes in millinery with smart women are the "cloche" shape with a narrow brim, sometimes in front only, and the brimless toque made of a great variety of materials. The new feather toques, more like wigs than hats, are winning deserved recognition. A new model which uncovers the forehead as far back as the line of the hair is made with a peak cut as sharply as if it had been drawn with a pencil.

Here is one of the beautiful brocades which lend themselves so effectively to the draped evening gown with its long graceful lines. Moulded to the figure in the most approved style, the material flows out from hips to ankles and finishes with an uneven hemline. Shoulder straps, cut in one with the corsage, are very narrow, and the long V at the back is in keeping with the general outline of the gown.

"Sweet Seventeen" will dance demure dances this season—and she will wear quaintly attractive frocks like the one sketched here. Developed in rose-pink chiffon, the skirt all billowing with flounces and the bodice quite slim and fitting, it is trimmed with bunches of shaded pink roses having realistic-looking green stalks.

Interesting Fashions.

SANDALS FOR EVENING

Critics of fashion often remark the similarity presented by the modern clothes and their comfortable flowing lines that follow the motions of the figure, to the Greek Age, which have stood as the æsthetic ideal of the Western world these many centuries.

And now the shoemakers have turned Hellenic, too. Several of them have created flat sandals for athletic pursuist. For evening, they are showing satin sandals, high heeled, to be sure, but with such straps that the foot is free from compression, though linked to sole leather. These smart, comfortable sandals have no counter, but are cut out across the back of the heel, a charmingly arranged design of curved straps linking the airy shoe about the ankle, while more intricate straps cover the toe enough to protect it from clumsy dancing partners.

New Trimmings.

Bows are one of the trimmings used a great deal this season, sometimes at the waist, as well as at the hem of a long tight-fitting bodice.

They are also used on evening gowns, and occasionally at the point of a diagonally-cut decolletage. Another interesting fashion item is the use of large pockets, which are made separate from the garment, being suspended from the belt like two large flat bags. Another idea is the one-sided pocket, which is cut *in one with the side of the skirt.* Boleros, small flared panels, which are placed beneath one arm, and similar effects are numerous. Shoulder straps are sometimes suspended from small jewelled rings or from loops.

Stocking Shades.

POPULARITY OF GREEN.

It has been decreed that stockings for day wear (other than sports stockings) must now be in shades ranging from oyster to a pale steel grey, and in burnt sugar, coffee, and rose-brown. In France black stockings are never worn, not even for mourning, shades of dark grey and taupe being preferred.

In the evening the tones generally known as "nude" may still be worn, if they are not too pronouncedly pinky.

Stockings exactly matching the frock are sometimes seen in the evening. Sports hose show nothing new, the plaid effects and Lovat mixtures being still to the fore.

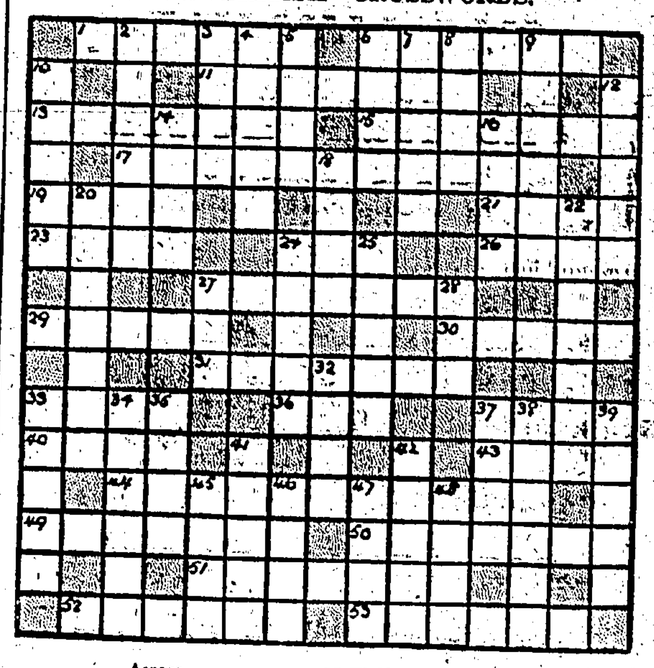
The popularity of green for afternoon and evening dresses is to be noted. A striking dark green dinner gown seen lately was moulded to the figure, had long sleeves, a deep back *decolletee*, a tiny train, and was hemmed with silver fox which transformed the whole gown.

Artifical flowers are practically dead. But they are, nevertheless, seen on heavy coats, and trimming fur lapels.

It seems nowadays the main idea of the couturierres to add as many inches as possible to our height, especially in the evening. The long line from waist to ankles, which is stressed by slimly-fitting gowns breaking out into fullness somewhere round the knees, is responsible for this of course.

Paris is doing its best to bring back the bone corset, and, unless women revolt, the hour-glass figure of the pre-war days will soon be seen. The corset, tightly laced and with bust fastenings, certainly gives a much trimmer figure than the elastic belt, which is apt to make even the slimmest woman look a bit heavy.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



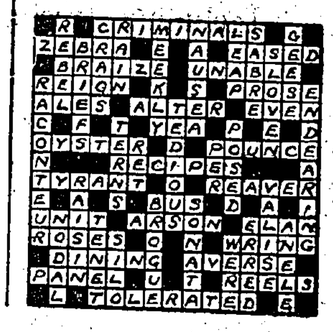
Across

1 Bowman.
6 Near relative.
11 Pressing.
13 Feasted.
15 Hoarse.
17 Dreaded.
19 Raised platform.
21 High in price.
23 Sea Eagle.
24 Vehicle.
26 Whirlpool.
27 Gathering.
29 French measure.
30 Run away.
31 Act of passing.
33 Lie in warmth.
36 Regret.
37 Stalk.
40 On the sheltered side.
43 Open ditch.
44 Approval.
49 Line.
50 Trellis-work.
51 Permanently fixed.
52 Surrounds.
53 Underwear.

Down

2 Recover.
3 Aid.
4 Put forth.
5 Be carried.
6 Scorch.
7 Empty.
8 Ornamental knot.
9 Corroded.
10 Class.
12 Extortionate interest.
14 Semi-circular projection.
16 Yield.
18 Warmth.
20 Magazine of arms.
22 Taken to one's self.
24 Valuable wood.
25 Wash.
27 Encountered.
28 Obtain.
32 Torpid.
33 Number of articles.
34 Sitting.
35 Guarded.
37 Slit.
38 Powerful explosive.
39 Fight.
41 Vegetable products.
42 Condition.
45 Sit for.
46 Fragments.
47 Sorrowful expression.
48 Also.

Yesterday's Solution.



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THURSDAY FEB. 27, 1930.

THE CHURCH'S BIG PROBLEM.

Although the churches at Home do not appear to be making that appeal to the people which they did in other days, there can be no questioning the fact that interest in religion is greater to-day than ever it was. The newspapers are discovering that the public will read with avidity anything which touches on the question of applied religion. The result is that more and more space is being devoted to such subjects. This we regard as a good and healthy sign. Incidentally, it would appear to dispose of the suggestion that people are becoming irreligious. We do not believe they are. They may quarrel with the Church's interpretation of Christianity, but that is quite another matter. What is true of the Home Country is equally true of Hongkong, for no-one can have read the very outspoken and in many senses helpful addresses by laymen at the recent Victoria Diocesan Conference without being struck by the fact that there are many in our midst who, in matters of religion, are searching for the light but who find that they cannot get what they seek from present-day organised religion.

At the Conference to which we have alluded, Colonel Wyatt struck a note which, we are sure, finds a ready response amongst many people when he said that educated people nowadays view with suspicion those dogmas of Christianty which are common to older religions. In a terse phrase, he complained that Christ could not be seen for Christianity. In this connexion, he described the official presentation of Christianity as reminiscent of an era when fear and superstition were the predominating factors in men's lives. The argument against any change in the presentation of religion is, as Colonel Wyatt remarked, resisted on the plea that what was good enough for our forefathers is good enough for us, but, as the speaker rightly said, few people would apply this argument to their material welfare. Mr. Ashton Hill's address was just as much to the point and well repays reading in full. He took the line that whilst the Church cannot change its faith, it has to face the problem of working out new questions of conduct with respect to differing times and circumstances. The young man's point of view was well put forward by Mr. Harry Owen Hughes, in his apt phrase that the younger generation hears the call of the open-air louder than it does the peal of the church bells.

Our own view of the matter is that the Church must inevitably be the loser if it sets its face against seriously attempting to meet the very real difficulties experienced by those who, whilst they may not attend its services, are sincerely interested in the application of religion to daily life. We notice one of the Church leaders at Home, in dealing with the suggestion that the Church should come back to "fundamentals," remarks that modern knowledge has made obsolete many of the tenets that were once held to be "fundamental." It is, we suggest, precisely on this point that the thinking man of to-day is befogged. He knows that very many present-day clergymen are sufficiently "modern" in their views as to throw overboard so-called "fundamentalism." Indeed, it is seldom that the old-time tenets are preached. The natural reaction of the thinker is put in the form of a query somewhat on these lines:—"If the Church no longer adheres to beliefs or interpretations which were formerly stressed with all the weight of authority which it commanded, why does it not make a clear-cut pronouncement on the subject?" To leave the matter in its present state is, it is argued, fair neither to the Church, its ministers, nor to people in general We see reason in this attitude. The call, therefore, seems for a re-statement of religious beliefs in conformity with modern thought. The task is not an easy one, admittedly, but unless it is faced we cannot see how the Church can hope to recapture the interest of those who now stand outside her doors. The great and inspiring basic principles of Christianity must not be sacrificed, for, however various sections of the Church may interpret Him, the Christ still stands as the supreme model to humanity.

Much Ado About Nothing.

The fuss that is being made over the Hongkong Government's order granting Chinese nationals the right of sitting at Board of Trade examinations for Master, Chief Mate and Chief Engineer, arises largely from the fact that people at Home are not and cannot be expected to be conversant with local conditions. It does seem strange, on the surface, that the Chinese should be granted privileges which are denied to all other foreigners, and it is only natural that questions should have been raised. In due course the necessary explanations will be forthcoming and meanwhile the Hongkong Government has only itself to blame for the wide publicity given, having chosen to wrap the order in a quite unnecessary cloak of mystery. It has not been made clear, for instance, that the conditions qualifying a Chinese to sit for the examination will be identical with those operating in the case of a British national. The Chinese candidate will be required to prove the requisite number of years of sea service and practical experience. Neither has it been made clear that it is the intention of the authorities that the order should apply only to Chinese employed on ships which make Hongkong their principal port of call. As to the motive for the order, this is still more hazy. We believe, however, that it has some connexion with the regulations under which a Hongkong passenger certificate may be granted. One of the requirements is that the ship must be commanded by the holder of a master's ticket issued by the Board of Trade, or by the comparable organisation of another nationality. Experience has shown that the result of this requirement insofar as it affects Chinese-owned ships has often been the employment of an old master as a figurehead—on the job only because of the regulations—and who takes no active part in the management or navigation of his ship. From the public point of view, as distinct perhaps from that of British shipping men, it is officially considered that it would be much more satisfactory to have competent Chinese in charge of these ships, men capable of passing the requisite examinations. If a Chinese sits and succeeds in passing, he will not be given a Certificate of Competency, but a letter signed by the Chief Examiner, declaring that the holder has passed the examination. It will be then be within the discretion of the Harbour Master, we understand, to grant passenger licences to ships placed in the command of Chinese who hold such letters. The chief objection of local shipping men to the order is, we believe, directed toward preserving the exclusiveness of the Board of Trade examination. But since the successful candidate does not get a Certificate of Competency we cannot see that there is the slightest violation.

DAY BY DAY.

BAD TEMPER IS ITS OWN SCOURGE. —*Charles Buxton.*

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Seven Chinese cases of smallpox were notified yesterday.

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Among the passengers going Home on leave on the P. & O. Macedonia on Saturday are Major and Mrs. R. A. Wolfe-Murray and family.

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Mr. P.P.J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., Divisional Superintendent of Police, is leaving for Home with Mrs. Wodehouse on the P. and O. Macedonia on Saturday.

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Shanghai jockeys who returned by the N.Y.K. s.s. Asama Maru to-day included Mr. V. M. Haimovitch, Mr. W. Bowling, Mr. A. David, Mr C. Encarnacao, Mr. T. L. Wong and Mr. C. Y. Liang.

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A dance is being held in the Gymnasium, Police Headquarters, on Tuesday, March 4, commencing at 8.30 p.m. on behalf of the Ministering Children's League funds. Music will be supplied by the Hongkong Hotel Dance Band. Tickets are priced at $1.

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Sentence of eight months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a Chinese, who was charged with returning from banishment. The defendant was deported for five years in June 1927 following two convictions under the Opium Ordinance.

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With two previous convictions for larceny at the end of last year, a Chinese who appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of stealing a piece of wood from a building contractor at Cheung Sha Wan, was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

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Admitting a charge of possession of pine wood which had been cut from forestry areas in Shatin, a man and four women were fined by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The man was given a fine of $25 or three weeks' hard labour in default, while the women were each fined $10 or 14 days' hard labour.

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A young Chinese who was arrested on a charge of trespassing on the revolver range at Whitfield Barracks was ordered, by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, to receive eight strokes of the cane. Sergeant Astill remarked that complaints had been received from nearly every rifle or revolver range in the Colony of people trespassing and picking up spent bullets.

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An application for the destruction of a quantity of indecent and obscene pictures was made by Detective Sergeant Fowlie before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. It was stated that the pictures were found concealed in the kitchen of an unnumbered house in a new street behind the Kun Chung Market on the morning of February 19. After ascertaining that the pictures were obscene, his Worship made the necessary order.

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In asking for a remand in a case in which a Chinese was charged before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with stealing a piece of wood from a contractor's shed in Prince Edward Road, Sub-Inspector Elston intimated that during a struggle with some private watchmen the man had his ankle strained and when arrested by the police he was enlarging the injury with his finger. The defendant was taken to hospital where it was found that he was also suffering from pneumonia.

AMERICAN VISITOR'S COMPLIMENT.

BRITISH COURT SYSTEM IN NEW ZEALAND.

Auckland, N. Z.—

Britain has sent her judical system, with her political system, round the world, and throughout the overseas empire may be observed in courts of law the procedure that has made a court in Britain the fairest and most expeditious tribunal of modern times. In more democratic communities the judge and the barrister still wear wigs and the dignity of the bench is carefully preserved. He was impressed by the way in the judicial system of New Zealand have been made by John Bigham, sheriff of Bell County, Texas, U.S.A., who recently spent some time in Auckland, in connexion with extradition proceedings.

Mr. Bigham attended sessions of the Supreme Court in Auckland, and his impressions have an interesting bearing on the question of law reform in the United States. He considered that in many respects the procedure of the New Zealand Supreme Court was superior to that to which he was accustomed in America. There was an air of quiet efficiency about the court that commanded respect. The whole atmosphere of the court was dignified, and despite the fact that trials were carefully conducted, with meticulous attention to the prisoner's interests, cases were disposed of in remarkably quick time, much more rapidly than in America.

Mr. Bigham thought that the custom of wearing wigs and gowns added to the dignity of the court. He was impressed by the way in which the machinery of the law was standardized, so that a murder trial was conducted no different from a trial for a comparatively trivial offence. Whereas in America days and even weeks might be required to complete a trial, a similar case might be disposed of in as many hours in New Zealand.

The jury system in the two countries was very different. In America it might take a week or more to select a jury for a murder case. Each prospective juror was put on the witness stand and questioned at length. No such procedure hampered the course of justice in New Zealand. Another difference in favour of New Zealand was that accused persons were not submitted to "trial by newspaper." In New Zealand he found "an orderly procession of cases, a strict adherence to the spirit as well as the letter of the law and an atmosphere surrounding the proceedings in keeping with the high judical system for the maintenance of which the court existed."

A PAIR OF TROUSERS.

CASE AGAINST CHINESE NOT PROVED.

Remarking that he thought it was going to be hard on people if they were required to have to point out the shop where they made their purchases, Mr. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, discharged a Chinese who was alleged to have been in possession of a pair of trousers reasonably suspected of having been stolen or unlawfully obtained.

The defendant was stated to have been arrested with the trousers in his possession and when questioned told the police that he had purchased them. He was taken to the shop mentioned by him, but the shopkeeper intimated that he had not sold the trousers to the defendant.

In reply to his Worship, the defendant said he bought the trousers in September last year and, being such a long time ago, the shopkeeper had forgotten the sale. He was taking the trousers to pawn when arrested by the Police.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Feb. 26.
Paris	124.26
Geneva	25.195
Berlin	20.365
Oslo	18.18
Helsingfors	163¼
Athens	375
Buenos Aires	42⅛
Hongkong	1/6⅛
New York	4.86⅝
Amsterdam	12.12¼
Stockholm	18.115
Vienna	34.515
Madrid	39.275
Bucharest	818
Bombay	Holiday
Yokohama	2/0.9/32
Brussels	34.885
Milan	92.77
Copenhagen	18.155
Prague	164½
Lisbon	108.25
Rio	5.17/32
Shanghai	1/11¼
Silver (spot)	19⅝
Silver (forward)	19⅝

—*British Wireless.*

Mr. E. J. Othen will speak on "Atheism and Non-belief" at the weekly public lecture of the Theosophical Society, Hongkong Lodge, 7, Queen's Road Central today at 6 p.m.

He Very Idea!

Lord Meath's "Memories of the Twentieth Century" contains the following story of a London tradesman of small side who was rash enough to hope that he would better his social position by buying an estate in Ireland.

Having heard that their landlord was to arrive by a certain train, a crowd of his tenants went to the station to meet him and see what manner of man he might be. They formed up in two lines. In due time the little tradesman arrived, and found himself being anxiously inspected as he walked down this lengthy avenue of tenants.

There was a dead silence as he passed between the lines, until a voice was heard saying, "Bedad; this fellow will be as hard to shoot as a jacksnipe!"

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Orderly Officer—"Any complaints?"

Private—"Yes; the bread's wrong. Contradicts the law of gravity."

Orderly Officer—"Explain yourself."

Private—"Well, sir, it's as 'eavy as lead, and it won't go down."

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(Having proved less successful in "talkies" than in silent films, Rin-Tin-Tin, the famous dog star, is about to retire.)

When first you made your bow,
we gladly hailed you,
And placed you as a star of
foremost rank;
Since then your art and pluck
have never failed you
Nor has your canine prestige
ever sank.
Your final bow, alas, you'll soon
be making
For reasons that are sound, it
would appear,
But rest assured, our thoughts
are not forsaking
The bow-wow we can never hope
to hear.

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My experience of life does not at all support the proposition that as a man grows older he grows wiser. —*Mr Augustine Birrell.*

I have never repudiated for myself the term of "professional politician.—*Sir A. Chamberlain.*

While I am impatient to break the British bondage, I am no enemy of Great Britain.—*Gandhi.*

Nature is blind and Fate cruel; yet I have a belief that there is that in genius which defies the wastefulness of the scheme of earthly things.—*Herr Fritz Kreisler.*

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The absent-minded professor was off form this morning. He did not try to eat his newspaper and read his toast; he did not rush out of the house with misplaced garments; did not go along in the rain holding a cane over his head; did not give the bus conductor an aspirin-tablet; and did not show his season ticket to the policeman on point duty.

He had forgotten to get up!

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Man at Tottenham—I am nearly a teetotaller; I only drink whisky.

Willesden Wife—My husband put some money in the gas meter and said, "There is going to be a happy ending," but nothing has happened yet.

Landlord, at Southwark County Court—On what ground do I apply for possession of the rooms? Why, on the ground floor.

Witness, at West London—I was too dumbstruck to hear what he said.

WHO WAS—?

RABBI BEN EZRA?

The Rabbi Ben Ezra whom Browning has immortalised in his poem in praise of old age was a brilliant Jewish philosopher, scientist and teacher of the twelfth century.

The first fifty years of his life were spent in his native land of Spain, but in the latter part of his days he travelled widely, visiting Italy, Greece and England. During his lifetime he attained an immense reputation as a commentator on the Old Testament scriptures, and three of the great Rabbinic Bibles are furnished with his notes.

Valuable as was his work in this direction, however, it is by his inspiriting philosophy of life, as embodied in Browning's poem, that he is best known to-day.

'Grow old along with me,
The best is yet to be,

The last of life for which the first was made," are the opening lines. Old age is not a period of decay, but of fruition. Life moves ever onward to a goal beyond our ken. Man's worth will not be measured by his achievement, but by his efforts, so that it behoves us to welcome difficulties, rebuffs and even failure, since by them alone can we be truly tested. Such, in brief, was the philosophy of the Rabbi Abraham Ben Meir Ben Ezra.

NOTED CARDINAL'S DEATH.

MERRY DEL VAL DIES AFTER AN OPERATION.

BRILLIANT CAREER.

Rome, Feb. 26.

The death has occurred, after an operation, of Cardinal Raphael Merry del Val, the Secretary of the Holy Office at the Vatican. He was 64 years of age, and had a remarkable career.—*Reuter.*

He was a brother of the Spanish Ambassador in London—a post also held by his father—and was born in London.

As was only to be expected when he grew up in the atmosphere of international diplomacy, his career in the Church from the outset took that direction.

He studied in London, Namur, Brussels and Rome, and became in 1887 a Papal Chamberlain. He visited England as a Papal envoy in connexion with Queen Victoria's Jubilee and the Coronation of King Edward, and he attended the funeral of Kaiser Wilhelm I. in the same capacity. He also went on an educational mission to Canada.

In 1897, he was appointed Domestic Prelate to the Pope and in 1898 Consultor of the Congregation of the Index. From 1898 to 1903 he was President of the Accademia Pontifica dei Nobili Ecclesiastica. In 1900 he was made titular Archbishop of Nicaea and on July 21 1903, he became secretary of the Conclave and Secretary of State adinterim.

In the latter position he was confirmed by Pope Pius X. on Oct.

16.1903, and was finally made Cardinal and Secretary of State in November. This post he filled throughout the entire Pontificate of Pope Pius X., that is, till September, 1914.

The new Pope Benedict XI appointed Cardinal Gasparri in his stead.

Cardinal Merry del Val, who under Pius X had been made Archpriest of the Vatican, then undertook the duties of Secretary of the Holy Office.

GARRISON NEWS.

SOMERSETS OFFICER COMING TO HONGKONG.

2/Lieut. M. Marriott-Dodington, Somerset Light Infantry, is being posted to the 1st Battalion, Hongkong, this trooping season, from the 2nd Battalion at Tidworth.

Navy Football.

H. M. S. Thracian was defeated by H. M. S. Sandwich at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon. Cumming, for Sandwich, scored just before the interval. The same player added a second goal in the next half, and was the best of the forwards.

H.M.S. Bridgewater added to their tally of wins yesterday afternoon at Happy Valley, when they won from H.M.S. Bruce by three goals to one. Teams:

Bridgewater.—Wyatt; Horsman, Dunkley; Branch, Gilbert, Vaughan; Beattie, Bennett, Taylor, Shand, Brown.

Bruce.—Barnes; Miller, Parr; Grubb, Horner, Hooper; Hawes, Pearson, Potts, Joynes, Barrett.

All the scoring was done in the first half of a good game. Bennett and Taylor soon opened the score for Bridgewater, but Potts reduced the lead afterwards. Bridgewater had the better of the game, and Taylor added another goal before half-time. The second half was played at a faster pace, and Bruce tried hard to get on terms with Bridgewater. Their efforts against a strong defence, however, were in vain.

CHATER WILL CASE APPEAL.

(Continued from Page 1.)

appeared for Mr. Bagram, submitted that the legacy which had been left to the latter was an ordinary general legacy and that he was entitled to interest in preference to the Church of Nazareth.

Mr. Bagram was there treated as a legatee and the Armenian Church as a residuary legatee.

Mr. Potter submitted that the beneficiaries were in the same category and pointed out that the residuary estate was divided into four parts. One part, an investment of four lakhs, was given to a nephew, another part, an investment of seven lakhs, was given to Mr. Bagram, a third was a fund of two lakhs for Jack Chater, and the fourth part was the balance of the residuary estate which went to the Armenian Church.

Armenian Church's Claim.

Mr. Potter said he could not see why interest should be given to Mr. Bagram as against the Armenian Church. The will also directed that if any of the first three funds lapsed, they were to be merged into the fourth. Mr. Potter submitted that that provision was unnecessary if the Armenian Church was an ordinary residuary legatee.

Mr. Potter went on to deal with Whitely's case which, he said, was applied by the Chief Justice. Counsel asked what power was there to order payment of interest forthwith? At the most, interest could accrue, but he doubted if the other side could produce a single authority to the contrary. The only question in Whitely's case was from what date interest was due. The ordinary course of the law was applied, that interest accrued on what was, in that case, undoubtedly a legacy, from the date of testator's death.

Mr. Potter's Query.

Counsel, after pointing out the difference between Whitely's case and the present case, asked why should interest be payable forthwith or at all?.

In reply to Sir Henry Gollan, counsel said he would submit there was no power to order the executor to make the payments at all, but if he chose to do so, then no doubt he would be entitled to do so, but he would be responsible. There was no power to pay interest because no fund had been created out of which the money could be paid. Until the executor proceeded under Clause 8 and created a fund, there was nothing out of which to pay interest.

Counsel added that if they decided the executor had done wrong in not creating the fund, then they could take the proper proceedings.

He continued that the Court could not make an order for 8 per cent. to be paid out of seven lakhs of dollars when the fund was not there. Not only had the fund not been ascertained up to the present, but it might never be there at all, and, further, the interest parted with might be the available assets of the estate for the purpose of creating the fund. Mr. Potter commented that he did not say that was the true position, but it was merely an argument on his construction of the will.

Nothing Payable.

Counsel went on to say that if the Court called the sums legacies, —and he would submit that the Court could not—there was nothing payable, because there was no legacy, and there might not be a legacy until Mr. Shenton had followed out testator's instructions, as given under Clause 8, and set aside certain funds separately invested. Mr. Shenton had not yet acted under Clause 8 and sold the estate.

Supposing, continued counsel, that there was a serious falling-off in the value of the estate, so much so that there was not sufficient to meet the annuities payable at the present time; further, supposing large sums of interest had been paid to fund-holders A., B. and C. What would be the position? Counsel submitted there was no power to order payments of large sums of interest out of a fund of seven lakhs which, at the moment, did not exist, and that was why he would say that the Church, in agreeing to six per cent. payable on the fund, which did not yet exist, really acted in a way which was very fair.

The appeal is proceeding.

With the arrival of the s.s. Pres. Madison yesterday, bringing Mr. Burton Daniels, Manager of Belge Neonlite Co., of Shanghai, and Mr. Lee Lassner, technician, from America, together with complete plant and equipment for the China Neonlite Co., of this city, the public can be assured of getting service that will protect the investment they make in Neon signs. The interest displayed by prospective buyers of Neon signs shows that Hongkong business men, like those in other great cities of the world, appreciate up-to-date illuminated advertising.

REMARKABLE SCENE IN A CHURCH.

CONGREGATION EJECTED BY THE POLICE.

Over 70 persons were ejected by the police from St. Michael's Church, Rawtenstall, Lancashire, last month, for disturbing the service.

The trouble between the Vicar (the Rev. T. Caleb) and his congregation and choir has been going on for nearly four months, and on a previous occasion the police were called to the church and stood in the aisle while the service was in progress.

Then following constant interruptions by the kicking of the pews, stamping of feet, coughing, sneezing, and other noises, the Vicar suspended the service and left the church.

He returned in a few minutes with three police officers. He led them to the front of the church and instructed them to remove the protesters. These were practically the whole of the congregation, with the exception of about six persons, including the Vicar's wife, and maid.

"Fight the Good Fight."

As they left the pews the members of the congregation started the hymn "Fight the Good Fight," which they continued to sing till they were out of the building. One young man's name was taken by the police.

The church has not been heated for nearly twelve months, and the temperature was a few degrees above freezing point.

A petition from the parishioners has been sent to the Bishop of Manchetser and the Home Secretary asking for the Vicar's removal. The Home Secretary has replied that he cannot take any action, but no reply has been received from the Bishop.

SHIPWRECKED CREWS.

IMPORTANT DECISION IN ADMIRALTY COURT.

As British laws of the sea are generally taken as the standard by other countries, the decision of the British Admiralty Court that all seamen who lose their livelihood through shipwreck are entitled to two months' wages in lieu of continued employment is of general interest.

In an action by two seamen, whose employment was terminated because neither of the vessels for which they had been signed was able to complete the voyage, it was shown that the Act of 1925 provides that "where by reason of a wreck or loss of a ship on which a seaman is employed his services terminate before the date contemplated in the agreement, he shall be entitled in respect of each day on which he is unemployed during two months from the date of the termination of his services to receive wages at the rate to which he is entitled at that date."

The court decided in favour of the plaintiffs. This means that sailors who may lose their employment through no fault of their own when far from home will not lose all wages during the weeks getting back to their homes, but will be certain of at least two months' earnings with which to support their families during the period while other work is sought.

SHAKIRY IS HEAVILY VEILED IN COUNTRY.

IN TIRANA SHE GOES TO MOVIES IN A HAT.

Shkoder, Albania.—

Shakiry, a Muhammadan woman now 21 years of age, wears no veil in Tirana, the capital of Albania, which became her home town when she married a teacher there four years ago. She also has a hat, which she puts on on holidays, and she occasionally accompanies her husband to a movie, though that is very rare. She also goes to parties now and then and recently went with her husband to see the parade on the birthday of King Zog I.

But when she returns to Shkoder, in northern Albania, to visit her mother, she adopts an entirely different regime. There she wears a kerchief tied daintily about her head, but never a hat. She conforms to the accepted teaching that no good Moslem may wear anything with a brim that shades the face. She also done the veil and never appears outside of the door without it. And when anybody knocks at the gate—for no one would think of entering the highwalled yard of a Muhammadan family without knocking—she always asks before drawing the bolt, "Who's there?" It is not to ward off lawless intruders, but to prevent the possibility of some man seeing her. If a man's voice answers, Shakiry opens the gate a tiny crack and, remaining completely hidden behind it, asks, "What's wanted." The conversation that then ensues is always very short if the visitor is a man, for in Shkoder, as in all cities where there are Moslems, people relieve the Muhammadan women as much as possible of the necessity of talking with men.

Even here in Shkoder, however, Shakiry is not completely deprived of liberty, for she may go to the market place and to the street fountain, though her young unmarried sister cannot under any circumstances go to such public places. At the age of 13 she withdrew within the yard and since then she has not left it one single time. Nor will she leave it until she goes to marry a young man whom she has never seen. As she is 16 years old now, that will be arranged soon. Several fathers of marriageable youths have spoken to her father about it already.

The women in all Albania are advancing. In the capital where the King lives, and where there is a stronger foreign influence, progress has been more rapid. But the government has no desire to go too fast.

AN EARLY SPRING.

FLOODS AND HEAT IN NORTH AMERICA.

New York, Feb. 26.

Spring has arrived with a vengeance. The temperature at New York yesterday was 73 degrees, a record. Temperatures in the south are even higher.

A case of heat prostration is reported at Washington.

Would-be spectators of the Scott-Sharkey fight are finding Palm Beach, Florida, almost uncomfortably warm.

A Toronto message says that unusually early spring freshets have led to floods in Western Ontario, and considerable damage.

Several towns in the Hamilton district are flooded. Two children were drowned at Brownings, also two men supposed to be bootleggers, while attempting to cross the Detroit River.—*Reuter's American Service.*

"This Louie Fourteenth was a flop. Most of my friends recognized me."

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS.

MANCHESTER CITY OUTPLAY PORTSMOUTH.

HOME TEAMS ON TOP.

London, Feb. 26.

Three postponed league matches were played off to-day, and the results accorded with expectations. Manchester City returned to form with a sound win over Portsmouth. The results, as cabled by Reuter, were:

First Division

Manchester C. 5 Portsmouth 2

Second Division.

Bradford C. 3 Bristol C. 1

Third Division (South).

Bournemouth 3 Northampton 1

The amended league tables are appended:

First Division.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wednesday ..	28	17	6	5	73	35	40
Derby	30	16	5	9	62	56	37
Manchester C.	30	15	6	9	69	55	36
Blackburn ...	30	14	5	11	77	68	33
Huddersfield .	30	14	5	11	47	50	33
Leeds	29	15	2	12	57	42	32
Leicester ...	31	13	6	12	64	65	32
Liverpool....	30	12	7	11	49	57	31
Sheffield U. .	30	13	4	13	64	60	30
Aston Villa ..	29	13	4	12	59	58	30
Manchester U.	30	13	4	13	49	56	30
Middlesbro' ..	29	13	3	13	64	58	29
West Ham ..	31	12	5	14	64	61	29
Bolton	31	11	7	13	55	52	29
Portsmouth .	30	10	8	12	52	51	28
Burnley	31	10	8	13	60	73	28
Birmingham .	29	10	7	12	45	45	27
Arsenal	29	10	6	13	46	43	26
Everton	30	8	9	13	51	63	25
Sunderland ..	28	8	7	13	43	59	23
Newcastle ..	28	10	2	16	53	74	22
Grimsby	29	8	6	15	49	71	22

Second Division.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Oldham	30	17	8	5	66	34	42
Blackpool ...	29	19	2	8	75	57	40
Chelsea	29	14	10	5	53	28	38
Bradford ...	29	14	7	8	60	50	35
Bury	30	15	4	11	60	50	34
Southampton	29	13	5	11	57	53	31
Wolves	30	12	7	11	56	56	31
West Brom. .	28	13	4	11	76	57	30
Cardiff	30	12	6	12	43	42	30
Tottenham ..	30	10	9	11	45	47	29
Notts. Forest	29	9	11	9	38	42	29
Charlton	28	9	10	9	40	37	28
Stoke	31	10	8	13	55	56	28
Hull	28	11	6	11	41	49	28
Notts. County	30	7	13	10	42	45	27
Bradford C. .	30	9	9	12	48	56	27
Preston N.E.	30	9	8	13	44	59	26
Millwall	29	6	13	10	42	57	25
Barnsley	30	8	8	14	40	53	24
Reading	31	7	10	14	36	54	24
Bristol C. ...	29	8	6	15	46	66	22
Swansea	31	7	8	16	39	54	22

Third Division (South.)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Brentford ...	29	20	3	6	72	30	43
Plymouth ...	26	17	7	2	61	21	41
Brighton ...	26	16	4	6	63	33	36
Northampton	28	16	3	9	46	32	35
Southend ...	29	11	12	6	45	37	35
Bournemouth	27	12	10	5	48	29	34
Norwich	29	13	7	9	57	53	33
Fulham	29	13	7	9	59	59	33
Crystal Pal. .	30	12	8	10	58	59	32
Coventry	27	16	3	10	61	44	31
Exeter	30	11	7	12	54	48	29
Queen's P.R.	27	10	8	9	42	46	28
Luton	28	9	8	11	40	51	26
Swindon	29	8	9	12	48	51	25
Walsall	28	9	6	14	47	55	24
Clapton O. ..	28	7	10	11	28	41	24
Newport	27	8	6	13	46	52	22
Watford	30	8	6	16	36	54	22
Torquay	29	6	8	15	40	66	20
Gillingham ..	30	7	5	18	32	62	19
Bristol R. ...	26	6	5	15	48	60	17
Merthyr	27	2	8	17	33	81	12

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Miss Lily Elsie is the president, and other recruits (quite a number from the stage) are Miss Dorothy Seacombe, Miss Dorothy Dickson, Mr. Arthur Margetson, Mr. Barrie Oliver, and Major "Pop" Beeman, of the Rochampton Club.

"It all started through three of us overhearing someone being 'catty' and back-biting, and we thought how horrible it was," said Miss Binky Moss, the treasurer, to a press representative.

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LADIES' RECREATION CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD THIS MORNING.

In order to prevent newly-elected members of the Ladies' Recreation Club from asking to resign after two or three months without having paid their subscription, it was decided at the annual meeting of the Club, held at the Helena May Institute this morning, that subscriptions would have to be paid at the end of the month in which a member was elected. Failure to do so, it was agreed, would necessitate the candidate being proposed and seconded again if membership was still desired.

Mrs. Etherington (President) took the chair and she was supported by Mrs. Comrie (Hon. Treasurer) and Mrs. Sommerfelt (Hon. Secretary). Members of the Committee present were Mrs. Grigor and Mrs. Haslam, while Mrs. Prosser was the only non-official member who attended.

Although there was not a quorum, the meeting was able to proceed by reason of a resolution passed at a special meeting in 1925 which gave power to the committee to deal with the agenda if a quorum was not present after due notice had been given.

Mrs. Etherington pointed out that 14 days' notice had been given and it was agreed to proceed with the meeting.

Annual Report.

The annual report stated that during the year Mrs. Doyle went Home in April, her place being taken by Mrs. Etherington, and Mrs. Tottenham (President) went Home in December, her place also being taken by Mrs. Etherington.

The following members acted on the Grounds Committee:—Dr. Montgomery, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hicking.

During the year 89 new members joined the Club. There are now 319 members on the roll, of whom 38 are absent.

Club Upkeep:—Various repairs and renewals have been carried out during the year. The large grass court has been relayed, the small grass court partially returfed, and No 5 court relaid as a sand court.

Treasurer's Report:—From the statement of accounts it will be seen that the year's working shows a profit of $879.99. The cost of relaying and turfing of courts, and repairing wire netting amounted to $1913.80, as compared to $1437.23 last year. This increase is accounted for by the fact that No. 4 hard court was entirely relaid at a cost of $1088, and in addition the cracks on No. 1 court were all filled in and the court repainted. The wire netting on all courts required extensive repairs also, after the typhoon. During the year, the sum of $500 was placed on Fixed Deposit at 4% interest.

Thanks:—The Committee wish to thank Messrs. Palmer and Turner, (Honorary Architects), for their services, Mr. Alabaster for kindly auditing the accounts, Mrs. Doyle, for kindly presenting the prizes on November 7th, and the Grounds Committee:—Dr. Montgomery, Mr. Forster, and Mr. Hickling for their assistance.

Arising out of the accounts, Mrs. Etherington pointed out that $500 which was on fixed deposit at the beginning of the year was still intact. Repairs needed after the typhoon were paid for out of general funds.

Officials Elected.

The report and balance sheet were approved and the meeting re-elected Mrs. Etherington, Mrs. Comrie and Mrs. Sommerfelt.

The following were elected to the General Committee:—Mrs. Comrie, Mrs Sommerfelt, Mrs. Etherington, Mrs. Lissaman, Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Fischer and Mrs. Grigor. Balloting Committee:—Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Mills.

Dr Montgomery, Mr. Forster and Mr. Hickling were re-elected as the Grounds Committee.

New Rule.

Mrs. Etherington proposed a resolution, to be a rule of the Club, that new members must pay their subscription before the last day of the month in which they are elected, otherwise they would have to be proposed and seconded again if they still desired membership. She explained that they had had a lot of trouble with people getting elected and asking to resign two or three months afterwards without paying any subscription, on the grounds that they had not used the courts and did not think they would be able to later on. She added that if they accepted her suggestion as a rule, it would probably put an end to the trouble.

Mrs. Grigor seconded and the resolution was carried.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mrs. Etherington proposed a special vote of thanks to Dr. Montgomery for all he had done for them. Mrs. Etherington said he had worked very hard and had given much of his time.

The vote was carried.

SHAMEEN SOCCER.

WATSON SHIELD CONTEST BEGINS.

Shameen, Feb. 26.

H.M.S. Moorhen defeated H.M.S. Moth by one goal to nil in the first match of the first round of the Watson Shield on the Shameen Football ground yesterday afternoon. This is the second time this season that H.M.S. Moth has suffered defeat at the hands of H.M.S. Moorhen, having lost by four goals to nil in the Shameen Football League, and in the return match drawing with one goal each.

Yesterday's game was very keenly contested though H.M.S. Moorhen were undoubtedly getting the better of the game throughout the play. The Moth custodian played a very fine game and made numerous brilliant saves, and it was only in the last five minutes of the game that the Moorhen at last managed to get through and score the only goal of the match, Lieutenant-Commander Sitwell placing a magnificent shot in the net from a pass by the right wing. The Moorhen played a very fine game and thoroughly deserved their win, though somewhat erratic with their shooting. The teams were:

H.M.S. Moorhen.—Hart; Berry, Welch; Munro, Lee-Marson, Gregory; Wood, Ah Wing, Joel, Lt. Cmdr. Sitwell and Evans.

H.M.S. Moth.—Cleverley; Wincup, Bennett; Freeman, Denstone, Gold; Shawyer, Biles, Dewey, Hodgkinson and Purdy.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

FAMOUS GOLFERS.

HAGEN AND KIRKWOOD COMING.

Definite news has now been received about the visit of Hagen and Kirkwood to Hongkong. They will not be here until the end of April at the earliest. At first it was thought that they would tour Japan and then come on to Shanghai and Hongkong but a letter received by the Secretary of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club from Kirkwood makes it clear that the two professionals are going direct to Australia and then will return to the United States by way of Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan. In his letter Kirkwood says Hagen and himself are prepared to play against each other or to meet any opposition which the Golf Club may suggest over eighteen holes. The match will be followed by an hour's exhibition of trick shots and a half hour's lecture on golf. Hagen and Kirkwood have been booked for twenty exhibition matches in Australia and ten in Japan. Kirkwood says they are very anxious to play in Hongkong on their return and would be willing to do so for a minimum guarantee of G$1,000 with a proviso that if an admission charge is made the gate receipts over and above $1,000 will be paid to them. They hope to arrive in Sydney on March 4 and will be in Australia until March 30. They leave Australia for Manila on March 31 and will then come to Hongkong. Hagen, as is well known, has won the British Open Championship four times, the American Professional Championship five times, the American Open twice and innumerable other competitions. Kirkwood is also one of the world's foremost golfers. So far, no decision has been come to, but it is hoped that a big effort will be made to get Hagen and Kirkwood to play here, though the end of April is rather a bad time for an exhibition match.

LOCAL CRICKET.

CIVIL SERVICE LEAGUE TEAM.

The following will represent the Civil Service C.C. 1st XI in League matches against the H.K. University on Saturday, on University ground:—B. D. Evans, Capt. G. R. Sayer, E. B. Reed, J. E. Richardson, F. Baker, E. W. Hamilton, D. R. Kelly, F. J. de Rome, F. H. Holdman, J. Barrow, D. M. McDougall.

The 2nd XI to play the University on C.S.C.C. ground will be:—H. F. Harper, Capt. R. S. W. Paterson, R. R. Davies, W. H. Edmonds, R. G. Robertson, H. E. Strange, A. H. Oswick, V. Chittenden, V. Freeman, E. Himsworth and J. F. Willmott.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, $1350 s.
Chartered Bank, £16½ n.
Mercantile A. & B., £29 n.
East Asia $105 b.

Insurances.
Canton Ins., $745 b.
Union Ins., $377½ b.
North China, Ins., Tls. 160 b.
Yangtsze Ins., $50 n.
China Underwriters, $1.70 s.
China Fires, $340 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., $880 b.

Shipping.
Douglases, $25½ s.
H. K. Steamboats, $26½ sa.
H. K. Tugs, $2. s.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) $70 n.
Union Waterboats $25½ b.

Mining.
Benguets, $5½ b.
Kailans, 50/- n.
Langkots, Tls. 13.60 n.
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 1.30 n.
Raubs, $14½ b.
Tronohs, 21/- n.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, $155 n.
Whampoa Docks, $32 b.
China Providents $5.50 s.
Hongkews, Tls 196 b.
New Engineerings, Tls. 7.80 b.
Shanghai Docks. Tls. 125 b.

Cottons.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 16.25 s.
Orientals, Tls. 2.30 b.
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 83 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, $12.50 sa.
H. K. Lands, $65 s.
S'hai Lands Tls. 220 b.
Humphreys, $14- n.
Realties, $8.30 s.
Chinese Estates $98 s.

Public Utilities.
Tramways, $19.90 s.
Peak Trams, (old) $11.75 n.
Star Ferries, $68½ n.
China Lights, (Old) $19.20 s.
H. K. Electrics, $69½ b.
Macao Electrics, $23 b.
Telephones $9.85 b.
China Buses, Tls. 17½. b.
Singapore Tractions. 10/- s.

Industrials.
China Sugars, 75 cts. b.
Malabons, $27 n.
Cald: Macg. Ord: Tls. 10 n.
Canton Ices, $2.50 n.
Cements (Comb.) $14.85 s.
Ropes $7 85 s.
United Asbestos $5 b.

Stores, etc.
Dairy Farms, $22.40 n.
Watsons, $11.75 s.
Der A. Wings, '80 s.
Lane Crawfords, $3. n.
Mackintoshs, $18 b.
Sinceres, $12 n.

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, $28 b.
Constructions, $1.30 b.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 60 n.
H. K. G. Loan 5½% Prem. s.

YEN URGES PEACE.

SAYS ARMED CONFLICT IS UNNECESSARY.

Peking, Feb. 26.

Yen Hsi-shan's circular telegram is published in the vernacular papers to-day and is dated February 23. It is signed by more than forty generals, but does not include the signatures of Chang Hsueh-liang and Chen Tiao-yuan.

The telegram draws attention to the deplorable conditions existing throughout the whole country owing to civil strife and urges that armed conflict is not necessary to settle the controversies within the Kuomintang brotherhood.

It also suggests that members of the First, Second and Third Plenary Sessions of the C. E. C. should form a Fourth session so that the differences can be settled by peaceful voting of the Assembly and the party thus become unified.—*Reuter.*

SWEEPSTAKE ON CHAMPIONS.

THE CHINESE ENGINEERS' INSTITUTE.

In the cash sweep on the Champions, organised by the Chinese Engineers' Institute, the first prize of $15,946.87 went to the holder of ticket No. 5139; the second, of $4,556.25, to ticket No. 2066; and the third, of $2,278.12, to ticket No. 5786.

For unplaced starters, the holders of ticket Nos. 1113 and 8825 each received $759.37.

The following received $22.50 for non-starters:—Ticket Nos. 6796, 1764, 7375, 4237, 4562, 2363, 1462, 7944, 8467, 5340, 6658, 2200, 6074, 3706, 8448, 1098, 6399, 4799, 1407, 4002, 1200, 425, 4576, 2792, 7807, 7961, 3398, 2972, 1935, 7092, 5691, 8871, 7199, 2694, 3335, 4225, 5100, 6390, 9788, 1711, 8425, 5431, 5922, 6463, 2813.

The records of owners and jockeys in the first four days of the Race Meeting were:

Successful Owners.

	1st	2nd	3rd
Mr. Ho Kom-tong	5	3	2
Mr. John Peel	5	3	2
Mr. Chan Tin-sion	4	3	3
Mr. Eve	3	2	4
Messrs. Hynes and Mackie	2	3	3
Mr. Dynasty	2	2	5
Messrs. Sturt and Lobel	2	1	1
Messrs. Lau and Lee	2	1	1
Mr. L. Dunbar	2	–	–
Mr. Own	2	–	–
Mrs. Pearce	1	3	1
Mrs. K. E. Beith	1	2	2
Mr. Yam Man	1	2	–
Messrs. Dyer and Beith	1	1	2
Mrs. Dunbar	1	1	–
Mr. W. E. L. Shenton	1	–	1
Mr. Widdecombe	1	–	1
Messrs Hinson & Yam Man	1	–	–
Mr. Aitch Aitch	1	–	–
Mr. Mogcar	1	–	–
Messrs. Liang and Wong	1	–	–
Mr. U. Sz Wing	1	–	–
Mr. Hau Un	–	2	1
Messrs. Bellamy & Gordon	–	1	2
Mr. Wong Ping-shun	–	1	1
Mr. H. S. Chan	–	1	1
Mr. Mac	–	1	–
Messrs. Beith and Heard	–	1	–
Mr. Glehh	–	1	–
Mr. Heard	–	1	–
Mr. Wayfoong	–	1	–
Messrs. Tester & Abraham	–	1	–
Messrs. Yue and Lo	–	1	–
Lt.-Comdr. Bulteel	–	1	–
Mr. Luckyman	–	1	–
Mr. C. M. Leitao	–	–	2
Messrs. Bennett & Cave	–	–	1
Messrs. Toeg & Priestley	–	–	1
Mr. Ho Sai-man	–	–	1
Mrs. N. Hashim	–	–	1
Mr. Y. T. Fung	–	–	1
Mr. K. H. Kay	–	–	1

Successful Jockeys.

Mr. A. J. P. Heard	5	9	4
Mr. T. L. Wong	5	1	4
Mr. V. M. Haimovitch	4	4	8
Mr. F. Noodt	4	2	4
Mr. L. P. Quincey	4	1	3
Mr. G. U. da Roza	3	4	3
Mr. C. Encarnacao	3	2	–
Mr. W. Hill	3	2	–
Mr. W. Bowling	3	1	5
Mr. Y. S. Chang	2	7	1
Mr. L. G. Frost	2	–	1
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Brent takes her to Cunningham and offers proofs which the lonely old man accepts. Hoping to make up for the injustice done her mother, Cunningham showers the girl with affection and gifts.

Among Helen's new friends are Eva Ennis and her brother Robert, who falls in love with her. Brent finds another locket like the one he had taken from Nellin to establish Helen as the heiress. He also becomes jealous of Bob and plots to secure the girl for himself quickly.

Hearing the doctor say that a sudden shock would kill the old man, Brent gets the servants out of the way and rushes into the sick room shouting wildly that Helen has been killed. His plan works and when the attendant returns, Cunningham is dead. Then Brent appears as friend and former guardian of Helen and takes charge of arrangements.

Brent had amused himself by making love to Eva and now he tries to break off the affair without making Helen suspicious. Meanwhile, Bob is too proud to speak his love until a chance meeting breaks his reserve and they both acknowledge their love. But Helen tells him it is hopeless, as she is promised to another.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

"I can't break my engagement," Helen said stiffly. 'I can only ask to be released."

Bob drew back from her, white to the lips. Her attitude was incomprehensible to him except from one angle—she did not truly love him.

Argument, his naturally logical brain told him, would be useless. What could it mean to a girl who either was not very deeply in love or who was caught up in fallacies, to be told that only a fool would keep to a mere engagement when disaster threatened the outcome?

Bob wondered that Helen could think of it. Wondered that she could not see, as he did, that the course she was taking was sordid rather than idealistic.

A moment of anger flared up in his heart against her—the resentment of clean youth for evil compromise. It wiped from his mind the question he wanted to ask her. The name of the man she was going to marry.

". . . . going to marry," The words echoed in Bob's mind as a sentence to lifelong unhappiness. No man would let her go. Rot! A decent man. . . . . but not while he thought she might love him.

Bob felt himself slipping into a maze of doubt and fears. But he could not argue, could not plead his own case further.

What appeared to be uncertainty on her part drove him to cruelty. He would not recognize quixotism as her prompter, he was too modern for that, and he knew nothing of her sense of obligation. To him she was unsure of her heart, and he had no tolerance for her.

"Then," he said quietly, coldly, "you're a bit of a rotter."

All that he knew of needless, even criminal, self-sacrifice; all that he knew of lives wasted for false precepts of honour; all that he realized of right and wrong was behind his words. What seemed her stupidity, that denied her brain, her apparent lack of courage to change her course when, to anyone but a fool, the danger signals all were set against it—these too had helped to call forth his scathing remark.

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He had thought of her as brave and fearless—never a juggler with the tender passion. Love, he had believed, would come to her as true and untrampled as it had come to him. How it could involve two men at the same time was an impenetrable mystery to him.

For Bob had never known puppy love. Helen's passing from love of love to love itself was beyond his understanding.

His youthful hardness, steeled by the thought that she would go through with a loveless match, was a phase of masculinity that Helen had never encountered before.

Brent had been cruel on occasion, true, but his was the suave cruelty of a hidden menace—the sheathed claw, that cut lightly on the surface but bit deep into the heart.

The frankness of Bob's generation was unknown to her.

She did not flinch before the blow. Perhaps she was too shocked to show by so much as a flicker of her eyelids that it had struck her with terrific force.

Without another word Bob turned and strode out of the room. Mrs. Wethering, uneasily waiting in the library, saw him fling himself out of the house, leaving the front door open behind him, as though he were pursued by a demon.

She hurried to the kitchen but Helen had fled, up the rear stairs to her room.

Mrs. Wethering gathered up the things that were to have gone into the preparation of their midnight supper and put them away. Later she went to Helen's door and listened. She thought she detected the sound of muffled sobs but when she tried the door and found it locked she hesitated to demand admittance.

The sounds gradually grew fainter and finally the housekeeper decided that it would be better for Helen if she left her alone.

The next morning the girl was pale and worn, with shadowed eyes in which there was an unhealed wound.

Mrs. Wethering was very gentle and remained with Helen while she breakfasted, or rather while she went through the motions of partaking of her fruit and coffee. She hoped Helen would confide in her and went so far as to mention having witnessed Mr. Ennis' hasty departure the night before.

Still Helen said nothing, but there was on her face a set cold expression that warned Mrs. Wethering that the incident, whatever it was, had a serious aspect.

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Mrs. Wethering sighed over her inability to administer comfort and suggested that Helen ought to get out into the open. "You haven't driven your car very much lately," she said. "Why don't you let me fix you a picnic lunch and you can telephone for someone to go for a long drive with you? The weather is lovely."

"I'm going to New York,' Helen answered quietly.

Mrs. Wethering was greatly disturbed but she did not dare offer any opposition. There was about Helen an air of determination that plainly indicated she was set upon a course from which she could not be swerved.

"Are you taking an early train?" Mrs. Wethering asked, hoping the girl did not intend to drive her car to the city. She was much relieved when Helen told her she was going on a morning train.

In Helen's mind, too, was fear of driving her car. She knew that she was likely to become forgetful of danger on the road and she did not want to risk injury to another person.

Mrs. Wethering found an excuse to go to her room with her when Helen went up to get her hat and wrap.

"There's just a little tang in the air; won't you wear a fur?" the housekeeper urged.

Helen accepted a silver fox and threw it carelessly about her shoulders. It made her costume perfect and Mrs. Wethering wondered if she had selected the black and white tweed ensemble, with its smart black and white silk blouse, with any particular care.

"What could be the object of her visit to the city? It worried the older woman almost to the point of causing her to attempt to break down Helen's reserve.

But that reserve had acted as a shield upon many occasions and it remained effective now. Helen was permitted to leave without revealing her destination.

On the train she consulted a card to make certain that she had the correct address. Two or three times she said it over to memorize the street and number, then put it away. The name that was engraved upon it was a silent reproach.

How often had she fancied it as her own! Mrs. Leonard Brent. And now—now she dared not think beyond the hour that was to come—when she would beg to be released from her mad promise. Surely, surely he would not hold her to it!

But the voice of fear deep in her heart answered that he would. She realized that, aside frim the keeping of his promise to her father, Leonard Brent had nothing outstandingly creditable to his account. On the contrary there were many things against him. His past; so many women; his strange, undeniably selfish desire to shape a young life—her life—to please himself.

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Helen could see now that her school friend, Shallimar, had been right in much she had said about Leonard.

"I should always have been myself." Helen mourned. "Then this could not have happened. Leno wouldn't have cared for me if I had been more independent."

She was wrong, of course, for youth will frequently have its hour of aberration in regard to love—when it turns to worship of an unnatural object.

But Helen felt that she was the only foolish girl in the world—the only one who had been fascinated by an older man, and she was drinking deep of regret.

The distance to New York from Yonkers seemed interminable—and yet she arrived there too soon, for the interview ahead of her promised to be extremely painful.

She had not telephoned to say that she was coming, feeling certain to find Brent in. The thought of talking with him by wire had been impossible. She wanted to see him now, tell him, and have an end to her suspense.

At Brent's apartment house she gave her name at the desk and was told to come up. The girl who announced her turned a curious look upon her, but Helen missed it.

She stepped hurriedly into the elevator and gave her floor to the operator.

"Mr. Brent's apartment?" she inquired when he again opened the door for her. He too flashed her a queer glance when she named Brent. But his voice was correctly modulated when he gave the directions she asked for.

"To your right, Miss, the third door beyond the turn."

"Thank you," Helen replied and walked rapidly down the hall, quite unaware that her pale face and feverish eyes, her compressed lips and the hint of tragedy that hung about her was like a standard that she might have carried; and that the building attaches had read it to mean trouble. Particularly as they knew that a visitor had arrived ahead of her; a tall, slim, elegant visitor in fashionable attire and the unmistakable atmosphere of being at home in her surroundings.

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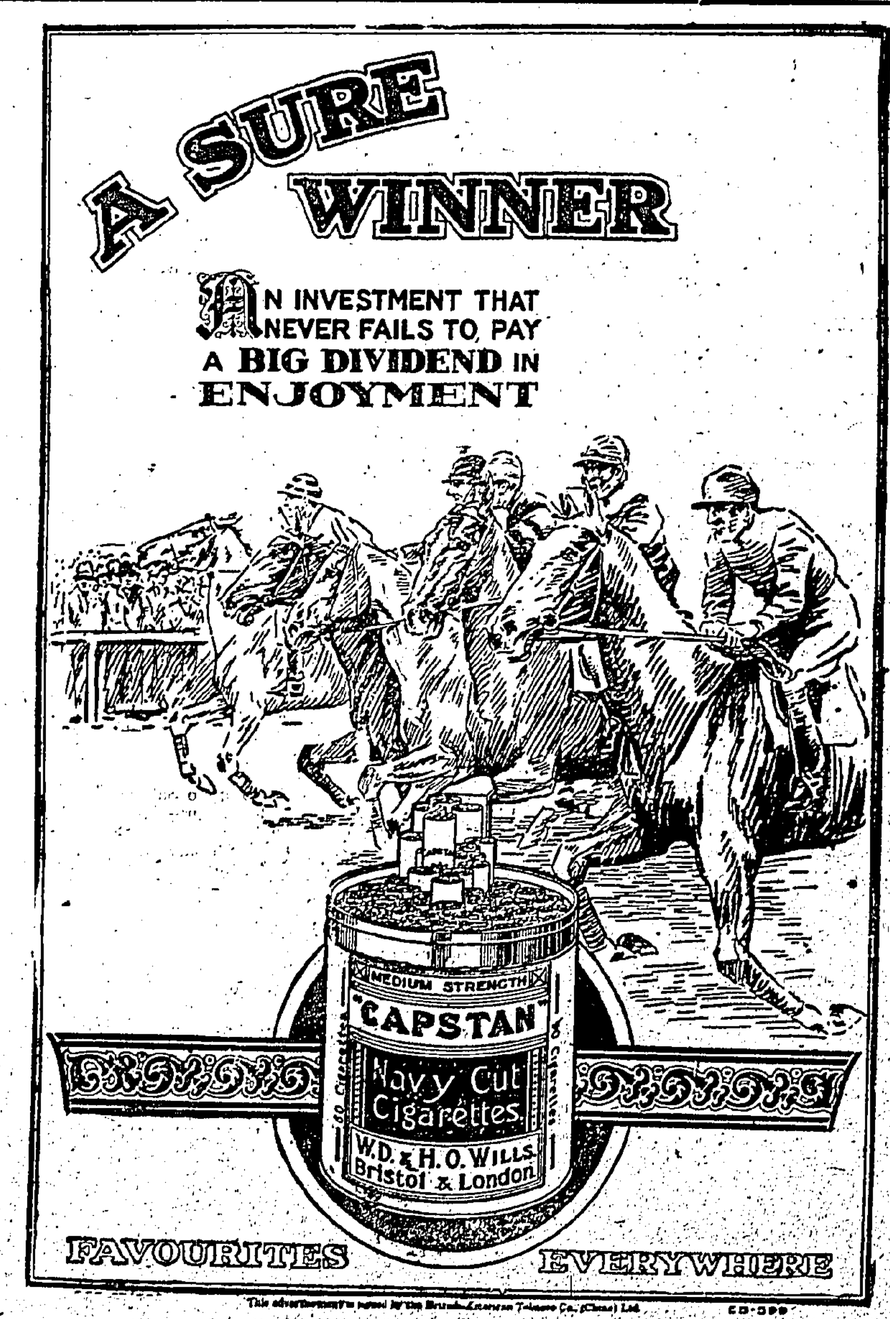

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LOCAL CRICKET.

VOLUNTEERS BEAT A UNITED SERVICES ELEVENS.

The match between the Volunteers and the United Services, played on the Hongkong C.C. ground yesterday, ended in victory for the former by 18 runs, the match producing no fewer than 340 runs.

The Volunteers went in to bat first, and managed to knock up 179. Mitchell was the highest scorer with 44, while Gittins followed with a valuable 32 and, Reid, who went in tenth, remained at the wickets to score 39. Wyatt took four wickets for about 50 runs, and Fry had three for about 20.

The Services fared none too well when they first went in, and but for a valuable partnership between Baker and Wyatt never looked like getting the runs. Baker ran up a score of 40 before being dismissed, while Wyatt had a merry knock for 28. Reid took five wickets for something like 60 runs, while Beck gave away about 40 runs in taking three wickets.

No proper bowling analyses were kept, but the batting scores were as follow:

Volunteers.

E. C. Fincher, b Wyatt	0
K. H. Batger, b Wyatt	16
E. Zimmern, c Suther, b Musson	2
F. Zimmern, c Laslett, b Fry	9
W. D. Folley, l.b.w. Musson	8
E. J. R. Mitchell, c Wyatt, b Fry	44
S. V. Gittins, b Wyatt	32
W. C. Hung, b Fry	0
G. E. R. Divett, c Macfarlane, b Wyatt	17
A. Reid, b Wyatt	39
A. C. Beck, not out	5
Extras	7
Total	179

United Services.

Lieut. Macfarlane, c and b Reid	20
Com. F. C. Baker, b Beck	40
Lieut. Wolfe-Barry, b Divett ..	3
Mid. Suther, b Reid	4
Lieut. A. H. Musson, c E. Zimmern, b Reid	6
Lieut. Col. F. G. Wyatt, c and b Divett	28
A. B. Laslett, c Mitchell, b Reid	9
Sub. Lieut. Moseley, b Beck	15
Pte. Fry, c Fincher, b Reid	3
Lieut. Ansthruther, c Batger, b Beck	5
Lieut. Christian, not out	2
Extras	26
Total	161

A University Match.

In an inter-faculty cricket match played on the University ground yesterday afternoon, the Arts faculty beat the Medicals by 38 runs.

Taking first knock, the Medicals could only score 75, of which D. K. Samy contributed 39.

The Arts faculty replied with 113, McDougall (25) being the highest scorer.

LAWN TENNIS.

FULL PROGRAMME OF MATCHES FOR TO-DAY.

After interruptions by the race holidays, the tennis tournaments arranged by the Hongkong Cricket Club will be resumed this afternoon when a full programme of matches is down for decision.

The list of matches is as follows:

Open Singles (second round).—W. C. Hung v. S. A. Rumjahn; Ng Szecheong v. F. H. Kwok.

Open Doubles (first round).—Kong Too-cheung and Ho Ka-lnu v. J. Barrow and D. M. Macdougall; (Second round), M. K. and M. W. Lo v. Luk Kang-cheung and Luk Ding-cheung.

Club Championship (first round).—I. S. Harris v. H. Nijhoff; O. E. C. Marton v. T. J. Price.

Handicap Singles "A".—S. L. Parsons (rec. 3/6) v. G. H. W. Churchill (Scr.).

Handicap Doubles.—P. W. J. Planner and K. H. Batger (rec. 4/6) v. T. C. Monaghan and N. L. Railton (Scr.)

FLOWER STREET.

PRESENT STALLS TO BE REMOVED.

Long before the memory of even the oldest inhabitants of to-day, Flower Street has been a feature of our city's life. Wyndham Street, in which the flower stalls are located, is as often called Flower Street as by its correct name.

But the flower stalls are doomed soon to disappear from the site they have for so long occupied. The re-building of the premises against which the stalls have sheltered will necessitate their removal. From enquiries we have made we learn that the demolition of the old building, which was once the home of the Hongkong Club, is to be commenced early next month. The old Coronet Theatre, which was once the bowling alley of the Club, is to be pulled down at the same time.

The licensed stall-holders, realising that their pitches will soon be no longer available, have been in communication with the authorities, who, we understand, have listened sympathetically to their plea of some alternative and nearby site being granted to them. The deputation of stall-holders was informed that during the course of the next few days a Government official will meet them for the purpose of surveying the adjacent district, when it is hoped that some suitable location will be found.

Ladies will, apparently, still be able to buy their flowers, but the lower end of Flower Street will lose the stalls which have given the street its most popular name.

THE RUBBER GROWERS

ASSOCIATION RECOMMANDS RESTRICTION PLAN.

London, Feb. 26.

The Rubber Growers' Association has circularised rubber producers recommending them to agree to the Anglo-Dutch liaison committee's proposal to cease tapping in May, stating that every effort will be made to secure the support of producers in the East, including Asiatic owners.

It is provided that producers will be released from assent if by April 8, 1930, adherence to the proposal represents less than seventy per cent. of the production in 1929, firstly of the Dutch and other European-owned estates (excluding British) in the Dutch Indies, or secondly of the European-owned estates in British rubber growing territories and British-owned estates in the Dutch Indies.—*Reuter.*

OFFICER MURDERED.

R.E. LIEUTENANT KILLED IN HIS SLEEP.

New Delhi, Feb. 26.

Lieutenant Hawkes, of the Royal Engineers, was murdered while sleeping in his bungalow at Landikotal.

The assassins, who are believed to have been robbers, escaped.—*Reuter.*

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"Lohengrin—The Bridal Chorus," (Wagner),

"Lohengrin—Prelude Act III," Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates.

"Sweet Nothings of Love—Fox Trot," by George Olsen and His Music,

"Duke of Ka-Ki-Ka!—Fox Trot," by the High Hatters,

"Annie Laurie," (William Douglass-Lady John Scott),

"Long, Long Ago," (Thomas Haynes Bayly), Hulda Lashanska.

"Ich Liebe Dich—(I Love You)—Waltz,"

"At Close of Day—Fox Trot," Leo Reisman and His Orchestra.

"Tambourin Chinois," (F. Kreisler, Op. 3),

"Thais-Meditation," (Massenet), Fritz Kreisler.

"The Wedding of the Painted Doll,"

"Pagan Love Song,"

Victor Salon Orchestra.

"Two Grenadiers,"

"Tannhauser-Evening Star," Reinald Werrenrath.

"Minnelied (Love Song),"

"Schlafendes Jesuskind," (Sleeping Christ-Child), John McCormack.

"Le Cygne (The Swan),"

"Moment Musical," (Schubert), Pablo Casals.

"Old Folks at Home,"

"The Rosary," Alma Gluck and Efram Zimbalist.

"Tap Dance Medley,"

"By Heck-Tap Dance," Victor Novelty Orchestra.

"1. La Fille Aux Cheveus De Lin. (The Maiden with Flaxen Hair),"

"2. Scherze-Impromptu." "Waltz," (Debussy), Jascha Halfetz.

"Rosenkavalier," (Richard Strauss), Augmented Tivoli Orchestra.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream—Scherzo," (Mendelssohn), Royal Albert Hall Orchestra.

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With these words did Mr. Covey, who is appearing on behalf of the two defendants, who are charged as pirate agents in connexion with the Delhi Maru piracy, which occurred last September, when the abduction of a Mr. Hsu took place, address Mr. Grantham at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when the case for the prosecution against the two men was concluded.

Mr. Covey will address the Court at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning, and he intimated that he hoped that it would not be necessary for him to produce statements from the accused, in view of the submissions which he would make to the Court.

Officers' Evidence.

Evidence was yesterday given on behalf of the prosecution by officers of the Delhi Maru, who related the incidents of the piracy.

Mr. R. Kaneko, the chief officer of the boat, spoke of being aroused early in the morning of September 21st, whilst the boat was proceeding from Swatow to Hongkong, by two pirates, who carried firearms. They took him to the bridge, where the second officer was on watch with the quartermaster. The bridge was also occupied by four armed men, and they pointed out the chart to him, which was written in English and Chinese and signalled him to alter the course and steer for San Chau inlet. He did so as he was frightened by the attitude of the pirates. When they arrived at the inlet, they were made to lower two boats, and some of the crew were forced to row the pirates and some of the passengers, including one of the first class passengers, to the shore. He heard no shots fired, but he knew that three of the Indian guards had been wounded. The pirates took from him a belt and torch.

During his evidence, the officer experienced difficulty in remembering how many first class and deck passengers were taken ashore, and Mr. Covey addressing the Magistrate said: "All this is waste of time. He (Mr. Fitzroy) has proved piracy up to the hilt, but he has not proved robbery."

Mr. Grantham said that he did not think Mr. Fitzroy need trouble about the deck passengers.

Later Mr. Fitzroy pointed out that he had proved robbery up to the hilt.

Mr. K. Hashinito, the second officer, deposed to being awakened by the pirates, and spoke to their leaving the boat at San Chau inlet. When he later searched his cabin he found that they had taken three watches, two suits and three fountain pens, which were his personal belongings.

Wong Chau, bo'sn, and an Indian Guard aboard the Delhi Maru, added similar statements as to the pirating of the boat, and the escape of the pirates at San Chau inlet.

Accused Shadowed.

Tsoi Yi, a Chinese detective, said on January 13 last he saw the first accused in room 89, third floor of the Empress Hotel. He later shadowed him, when he saw him go eastwards along Des Vœux Road and subsequently to the Bank of Canton. After this the man took the Star ferry to Kowloon, with witness still following him. At Kowloon he took a bus to Waterloo Road, and then walked to 222, Reclamation Street, where he went upstairs. Witness watched the house and about 1¼ hours later defendant came out again with another man. They boarded the Yaumati ferry to Hongkong, and on the boat witness saw the first accused take a handkerchief from his companion, put his hand in his pocket, and then wrap something up in the handkerchief and give it back to the other man. At Hongkong, witness followed first accused to the Tai Loy boarding house, and the next day he went there and saw the second accused. He later followed him, and arrested him at Yaumati. At Yaumati Police Station he searched the man and, in his sock, found $1,800 in notes. These he handed to the Inspector in charge.

This concluded the prosecution.

ELECTRICITY'S USE.

LECTURER AND COUNTING OF ATOMS.

An instructive lecture on electricity was delivered by Father T. Cooney, S.J., at St. Patrick's Hall last evening when the lecturer sought to show how the world had progressed in the understanding of what electricity is and what were its uses. The first question, he admitted, had not been answered even by scientists, and he suggested that might be described as "the triumph of failure" for, as a result, we had progressed in the knowledge as to what electricity could do.

The lecturer gave a quotation from Professor Eddington's authoritative exposition of present scientific views with regard to the origin and evolution of the world and said it was not until 1690 that a systematic study of electricity was made. From then until now, that study had continued, at first with little result, later with more result, and so on until our day when the results were overwhelming in their greatness.

Uses of Electricity.

After reviewing various electrical discoveries, the lecturer continued.—

What does electricity mean to us to-day? He would answer it in this way. When you come into a room and touch a switch the place is flooded with light. You press a button, a bell rings and the servant comes. You wish to go upstairs, the electric lift brings you. In winter you are cold, the electric radiator warms you. In summer you feel the heat, the electric fan cools you. You may cook by electricity and preserve your food in the refrigerator. Your motor and your neighbour's aeroplane have an electric machine, the magneto, on which they depend.

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And outside the sphere of our personal interest, in the world of the chemist and the engineer, electricity is proving of enormous help.

Psycho-Galvanic Reflex.

By its means many chemical substances and metals, at one time looked upon as curiosities, are now manufactured in abundance, and the electrification of railways and the electrical propulsion of ships are rendered possible. Finally, although the list of applications which I have given is by no means complete, there is one more I should like to mention. It is the recent application to psychological research. The apparatus used in this is known as the psycho-galvanic reflex.

By its means it is now possible to investigate closely the emotions in consequence of the effects which they produce on the body. It is found that every emotion affects the electrical resistance of the body and can be registered and photographed by the psycho-galvanic reflex. It is, as it were, an electrical mind-reading apparatus. Let me give you an example of its use. Suppose that we suspect that a man is telling lies, that he has answered a question untruthfully.

We join him to the psycho-galvanic reflex and repeat the question. Let us suppose that again he answers untruthfully, lies in fact unblushingly, what happens? He may deceive his fellow-man, but he cannot deceive this new wonder of electricity. Almost before the words are out of his mouth a tell-tale spot of light flits across the galvanometer scale and reveals that he is lying. Such are the claims made for it. But its real value does not consist in such sensational and perhaps unpopular uses. Rather its great utility is to be found in the enormous advantages which it provides the earnest psychologist in his investigation of the nature and effects of mental processes and emotions.

A Problem in Atoms.

Yet for all this knowledge of what electricity can do, Father Cooney asserted, that it was still, even for our enlightened age, a mystery.

The lecturer went on to discuss the various theories upon which scientists had worked in an endeavour to understand electricity in its fullest meaning, and made detailed reference to the atomic theory, formulated by Dalton in 1803, which was now accepted as being correct.

Dealing with atoms, Father Cooney referred to a little cube cut from a cigarette paper, the width, breadth and height of which were each equal to the thickness of the paper. In such a cube, a mere speck of dust floating in the air, there were more than one thousand million million (1,000,000,000,000,000) atoms, a number so great that if the million inhabitants of the Colony of Hongkong were to undertake to count the atoms, and if each could count 300 atoms a minute and counted 12 hours a day all the year round, the count of the atoms in the cube would not be completed in twelve years.

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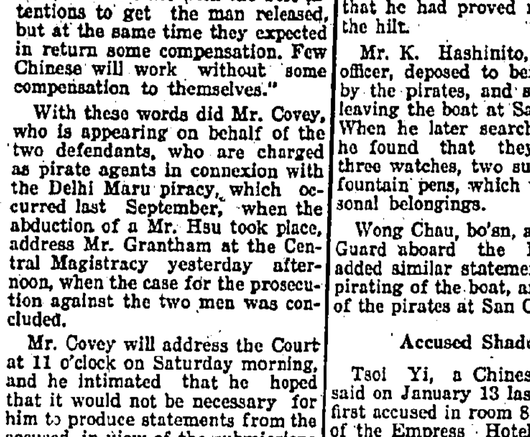

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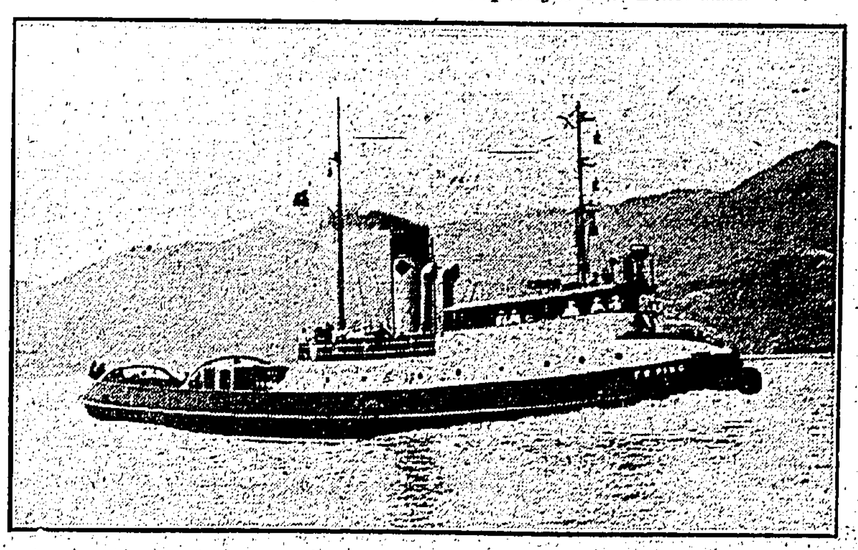

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ABSURD RUMOURS DISPELLED.

NAVAL CONFERENCE VERY MUCH ALIVE.

GOING ON WITH ORIGINAL PROGRAMME.

COMMUNIQUE ISSUED.

London, Feb. 26.

The events of to-day will, it is hoped, finally dispose of the rumour that the Naval Conference is in imminent danger of a breakdown. A prominent personage, who took part in a meeting of the heads of the delegations at the House of Commons this afternoon, asked afterwards if the Conference had broken down, declared laughingly: "No! Any such suggestion is rubbish."

That statement is fully borne out by an official communique issued soon after the private conference of the delegation heads had concluded. Authoritative British quarters regard the communique as indicating that the Conference will proceed on its original lines, thus effectually stopping the talk of a Three-Power Agreement as against the original idea of a Five-Power Treaty, which is still predominant.

Satisfactorily Alive.

The British spokesman said: "The Conference is still quite satisfactorily alive."

The conference of the delegation heads lasted for an hour, after which the following communique was issued:

"The heads of the delegations, with the French Ambassador, met the Prime Minister this afternoon to consider the continuation of the work of the Conference. It was arranged, subject to French agreement, that immediately the Conference is able to resume its full activities, the original programme of work will be continued.

"In the meantime, private conversations between the delegates are continuing and the work of the technical subcommittes is making good progress."

Satisfaction Evoked.

The announcement that the Conference will proceed on its original lines despite the break in its work owing to the withdrawal of the French delegation due to the political crisis in Paris, has caused satisfaction.

Regarding the reference to private conversations, it is pointed out that any agreements that may be reached will be purely tentative, pending their full acceptance by the conference, and the decisions will be taken with a view to their inclusion in the Five-Power Treaty which remains the sole objective of the Conference.

News From Paris.

Latest news from Paris states that M. Tardieu has been entrusted to form a Cabinet and hopes are entertained that a French delegation may be in London by the beginning of next week.

The work of the technical subcommittees mentioned in the communique refers to the committees on, firstly, ships which are to be exempt from limitation, secondly, ships of a special character which do not fall within the proposed categories and thirdly, submarines, in connexion with which Jurists are re-examining the Root Convention for humanising the operations of these craft.

Our Jingoists.

A meeting of the Navy League was held in London to-day and a resolution was passed opposing any further reduction of British naval forces.

Mr. Winston Churchill, former Chancellor of the Exechequer and one time First Lord of the Admiralty, strongly criticised the Government's "squeezability" at the Naval Conference.

He stated that all the other Conference Powers were preparing to increase their relative naval strengths.

Apparently it was proposed that Great Britain, which had already led the way in disarmament on sea, land and in the air, should further diminish not only our actual, but still more, our relative strength.

The size of the American Navy was no concern of Great Britain, and we ought to build ships after hearing the unbiassed advice of our naval authorities and whatever Parliament considered to be necessary for our safety.

He suggested that an agreement could be reached by the delegates tabling their naval programmes for the next five or six years.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH CABINET-MAKING.

M. TARDIEU TO MAKE AN ATTEMPT.

POINCARE REFUSES.

Paris, Feb. 26.

M. Tardieu has agreed to undertake the task of forming a Cabinet.

It is noteworthy that M. Poincare intervened in the negotiations for the formation of a Second Tardieu Cabinet and interviewed M. Rene Besnard, who was appointed War Minister in M. Chautemps', short-lived Government, and who is a prominent member of the Radical Party in the Senate.

There is little doubt that M. Poincare, as soon as his health permits, will be prepared to resume the responsibilities of Government if called upon.

M. Tardieu, summoned to the Elysee this morning, told President Doumergue that he considered, with four important international problems on hand (the Naval Conference, the Geneva conference, enforcement of the Young plan, and the Saar negotiations), that M. Poincare was the most capable of forming a stable Cabinet. He would gladly cooperate with M. Poincare.

M. Poincare declared that he would be unable to form a Cabinet owing to his health.—*Reuter.*

ANKING & TANDA IN COLLISION.

HOW A MYSTERY WAS FINALLY CLEARED UP.

With the arrival of the s.s. Tanda in port last evening, the report that she had been in collision with the s.s. Sungshan Maru was proved to be incorrect. She had, however, been in collision with the s.s. Anking, near Pedro Blanco, receiving damage on the starboard bow abreast the No. 2 hatch.

The collision occurred during a thick fog off the coast, and it is reported that a number of other steamers in the vicinity had narrow escapes.

The news brought in by the Tanda solves the mystery as to which vessel it was that was involved with the Anking, previous reports stating that the name and nationality of the ship was unknown.

Although the Tanda was not seriously damaged as a result of her collision, it is understood that she will not sail for Australia tomorrow, as scheduled, but will go into dock for repairs.

Officials of Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co. said this morning that it had not been decided when the Tanda would go into dock, but intimated that repairs will take about two weeks.

The N.Y.K. steamer Kako Maru which was involved in another collision is now at Junk Bay. Surveyors are busy examining the vessel at present and she will in all probabilty dock to-morrow.

MECHANICAL GIANT.

MACHINE THAT CAN CRUSH AND PULL.

A machine, described as the largest in the world, for testing the strength of building material is to be installed in the engineering laboratories of Columbia University. It will have a capacity of 3,000,000 pounds which can be exerted either as crushing pressure or as a tension.

George B. Pegram, dean of the engineering school, who announced plans for the installation, said the machine would cost $50,000, provided from the $110,000 gift recently made to the school by William Boyce Thompson.

The machine will be able to handle specimens up to 35 feet in length and six feet in width.

The largest testing machine now owned by the school, which is also the largest in the city has a capacity of 400,000 pounds.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The m.v. Romolo sailed from Singapore on the 26th Feb., and is expected here on the 3rd March.

The s.s. Fiume-L sailed from Karachi on the 24th Feb., and is expected here on the 19th March.

The s.s. Venezia-L sailed from Massawah on the 28th Feb., and is expected here on the 2nd April.

The first case to be brought under the newly-issued regulations prohibiting the mooring of craft within 25 feet of the Yaumati Typhoon Refuge Promenade was mentioned before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when the mistress of a boat failed to appear to answer a charge brought under the regulations and had her bail of $10 estreated.

RADIO TELEPHONY SURPRISE.

P.M.G. LOOKING AFTER THE PENCE.

COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OFFER REJECTED.

POST OFFICE SERVICE.

London, Feb. 26.

An important decision, not to use the beam wireless telegraphy stations owned by the Communications Company for the development of overseas wireless telephony services, has been reached by the Government, which has decided to concentrate its energies in this direction on the Post Office stations at Rugby and Baldock.

The announcement to this effect was made in the House of Commons to-day by Mr. H. B. Lees Smith, the Postmaster-General.

Control Reserved.

The Government, he said, has decided upon its policy for overseas telephony by concentration on the Post Office wireless station at Rugby and the receiving station at Baldock.

He referred to the fact that under the late Government, the beam wireless system for overseas telegraphy had been leased to the Imperial and International Communications Company.

The late Government, however, in conformity with the recommendations of the Imperial Wireless and Cable Conference, had reserved to the Post Office, the control of overseas telephony, and had deliberately refrained from committing themselves on the question of whether they should or should not use the company's stations for this purpose.

Company's Letter.

In August last he received a letter from the Communications Company urging that the Government should now decide to work the overseas telephony services from the company's stations, beginning with four services to Canada, Australia, South and India.

This was one alternative.

The other alternative was for the Government to concentrate on the wireless telephone service at the Government station at Rugby which had for three years worked a service to the United States on a commercial basis.

In deciding between these two alternatives there were two main issues, firstly, which of the systems would provide the more efficient service, and secondly, which would be the more economical.

Experts' Report.

The Government consulted two independent experts, who reported that, apart from future developments, both systems were probably equally capable of providing a satisfactory communication between two points over a given number of hours each day. As regards the future development, the Rugby system was more elastic and, therefore, in this respect, offered decided advantages.

The second main issue was a financial comparison between the two systems.

Concentration at Rugby admitted economy in many directions, particularly in land line connexion with the London trunk exchange. A wireless service required excellent land connexions and by grouping the services at one centre, such as Rugby, a smaller number of lines would suffice.

Remarkable Disparity.

The distance to Rugby and Baldock from London was much less than to the beam stations at Bodmin, Bridgewater, Grimsby and Skegness.

The result was that the work of four circuits to India and the Dominions through the beam stations would need four thousand one hundred and ninety miles of high grade telephone circuits; to work them through the Post Office station at Rugby and Baldock only seven hundred and eight-six miles would be required.

Company's Terms.

The minimum rental asked by the Communications Company for the use of the beam telegraph stations for the telephone services in question, was from £40,000 to £45,000 per annum, according to the type of equipment employed, plus a royalty of ten per cent. on the gross receipts in excess of a certain figure.

This was exclusive of a cheaper scheme which was open to objection on other grounds.

As the result of a consideration of all the issues, the Government had decided upon the policy of undertaking overseas wireless telephony by concentration at the Post Office station at Rugby and receiving station at Baldock.—*British Wireless.*

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